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Martial Law In Istanbul To Be Renewed For Another Six Months

ISTANBUL, Dec. 27. (A. P. A.): Demonstrations against Georgian proposals that a large strip of Turkish Black Sea territory go to Russia and a declaration that the Turks would perish before yielding were reported today from the vital port of Trabzon.

The tension grew as Turkey waited for the Moscow communique from the Foreign Ministers' conference relating to this problem.

The semi-official Anatolia agency said claims sent to Moscow by Georgian professor last week created "great nervousness" in Trabzon and that the residents rejected them in a series of demonstrations as "an injustice."

Turkey is deeply affected by proposals of Georgians that nine provinces comprising 20,000 square kilometers along the Black Sea and eastern frontier be ceded to Russia.

The Turkish army is almost fully mobilised and martial law is being renewed in Istanbul for another six months. Prime Minister Shukru Saracoglu to-day requested an extension for another year of the law under which the eastern border province of Tuncali, homestead of nomadic Kurd tribes, has been administered since the Kurds were suppressed by the army

"NOT A BOY'S TRICK."

MOSCOW, Dec. 27. (A.P.A.): Recent Istanbul disorders during which left wing newspaper offices and bookstores suffered damage were "the beginning of a campaign hostile to the Soviet Union," a writer for the Red Star, organ of the Red Army, said to-day.

"This scandal, this Fascist demonstration in Istanbul was not at all a 'boy's trick of several dozen students' as the official Turkish press said," R. Moran wrote in the army newspaper's Foreign Notes column.

Moran said the Turkish editor Yalchin and some other editors and deputies to the Turkish parliament were making outspoken threats against Russia. He said the editor of the Turkish paper "Aksham" was carrying on provocative discussions on "the possibility of announcing a sacred war against Russia by the western world."

"BLOW FOR POLITICAL INTRIGUERS"

MOSCOW, Dec. 27. (A.P.A.): The agreement for drafting peace treaties with Germany's Allies was praised in the first comment on the Foreign Ministers' conference to appear in the Soviet Press.

Writing in the Moscow Bolshevik, commentator V. Linetsky declared:

"The new agreement has inflicted a blow on those political intriguers who, after the failure of the London conference of the Council of Foreign Ministers, were ready to consider that the great Powers had passed the stage of collaboration."

French Socialists Quit Left Wing Delegation

PARIS, Dec. 27. (A. P. A.): France's powerful Socialist Party announced its withdrawal to-day from the "Left Wing Delegation" breaking up a political bloc with the communists that has existed since 1936. The left wing delegation, which has frequently been in conflict with General de Gaulle, consisted of pre-war groups that formed the Popular Front.

Hunt For Missing Allied Prisoners Of War

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—The War Office, in conjunction with other service departments, has arranged for an organisation to be set up to operate in territory in theatres of war formerly occupied by the enemy, with a view to tracing all British, Indian and Commonwealth officers and other ranks and merchant seamen recorded as prisoners of war or missing who are not yet accounted for.

The organisation will consist of special search parties which will endeavour wherever possible to trace such missing personnel by enquiries on the spot based on the latest information fom survivors or from returned prisoners. Search will also be carried out for graves of the dead. Any information obtained will be forwarded to next-of-kin through the appropriate Service Department as soon as it is received.

The Royal Air Force and Dominion Air Forces Missing Research and Enquiry Service will work in close liaison with these search parties.

Br. Delegation's Tour

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): It is learnt that the Parliamentary Delegation, which arrives in Karachi on January 5, will reach Delhi the same afternoon.

The Delegation will stay here till January 11, after which it will split up. Some members will proceed to Peshawar, some to Amritsar and others to Lahore.

The entire Delegation will reassemble in Delhi on February 1. The Government of India, it is further learnt, are not making any final arrangement regarding their further movements until after they reassemble here.

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MILITARY CORDON AROUND BATAVIA

Allied Move To Restore Law & Order In East Indies

BATAVIA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The first move to re-establish Law and Order in the Netherlands East Indies was made by General Christison Commander of the British Forces in Java this morning by placing a military cordon around Batavia.

The object is stated to be to check the identity of all entering or leaving the city which is necessary to prevent the inflow of bandits and terrorists.

ALLIED C-IN-C. CALLS ON PREMIER

BATAVIA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Indonesian co-operation with Britain's new drive to restore Law and Order in Java hinges tonight on the decision of Prime Minister Sutan Sjahrir's "Cabinet."

The Allied Commander-in-Chief, Sir Philip Christison today personally called on the Premier and his Information Minister, Dr. Amir Sjarifoedin, to appeal for co-operation and the "Cabinet" met later to consider the proposals.

It is expected that Prime Minister Sjahrir will see Sir Philip tomorrow when he may be in a position to let the Allied Commander know if the "Cabinet" agrees to the suggestion that the Indonesian Preservation Corps should, in future, work hand in hand with the British in securing a return to peaceful conditions.

Reuter's special correspondent in Batavia, Narayan Rajamani, cabled today that Indonesian leaders seem to have received the proposals well, although they will not commit themselves yet to a formal statement. Political circles are already predicting that Sir Philip Christison's personal appeal will have tangible results.

The spirit of the leaders was illustrated when the Allied Commander went on from his meeting with Prime Minister Sjahrir to Indonesian Art Exhibition guarded jointly by Indian and British military police and men of the Indonesian Peace Preservation Corps. Sir Philip was cordially received by Dr. I. R. Soekarno and members of the Indonesian "Cabinet" and posed with them for photographs.

They would act as auxiliary police assisting regular Indonesian Civil Police to maintain order among civilians

STOP PRESS

BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (Reuter): Seven bombs exploded tonight in the centre of Jerusalem.

The Criminal Investigation Department's Headquarters was attacked by the bombs and the front of the building collapsed leaving numbers of people trapped. There has been intermittent shooting since these bombs went off.

Sirens have been sounded and all traffic stopped. Troops have been rushed to emergency stations. Armoured cars are patrolling the city.

Two heavy explosions are reported from Telaviv.

MOSCOW DEAL FOR JAPAN AND CHINA

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A complete new scheme for the machinery of Allied control in Japan is expected to be included in the final 'communique' of the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers' meeting in Moscow, cables Sylvian Mangeot, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

In addition, the Far Eastern sections of the 'communique' are expected to set out an agreed policy between the three Powers with regard to China.

The Chinese Government has it is understood, been notified of and approved the contents of those parts of the 'communique' relating to China.

Finally a plan for a four-power trusteeship in Korea and an immediate establishment of a traditional Democratic Korean Government is expected to be included in the final 'communique.'

As already rumoured, the present system of control in Japan will be replaced by the following machinery:

(1) A Far Eastern Commission composed of representatives of Australia, China, France, Canada, India, the Netherlands and the Philippines, as an Advisory Commission.

The functions of the Commission will be to supervise fulfilment of the Japanese surrender terms and to review the directives issued to or action taken by the United States Supreme Commander which involve policy decisions. It will not concern itself with military operations or territorial adjustments and it will respect the existing control machinery and chain of command from the United States Government to the force of occupation.

(2) A Control Council in Tokyo consisting of representatives of the United States, the U.S.S.R. and China with one representative jointly representing Australia, India, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

(Message Incomplete.)

JAVA TALKS IN CHEQUERS

Attlee Will Press Dutch To Resume Parleys With Indonesians

LONDON, Dec. 27 (U.P.A.)—The three-day conference called by the British Prime Minister Clement Attlee opened today attended by Professor Schermarhorn, the Dutch Prime Minister, and the Minister of State, Noel Baker, the British Ambassador to Holland, Sir Neville Brand and several other experts.

Premier Attlee is expected to declare that the Netherlands Government representatives should discuss with the Indonesian leaders some form of Home Rule for the Dutch East Indies and also that the British troops will be withdrawn from Java immediately the Allied prisoners of war and internees are repatriated.

Today's talks are being conducted in Attlee's country home, Chequers. After the talks the Dutch Premier and his party are expected to return to London.

The talks are expected to last two or three days, but will probably be concluded by this week-end, says "Reuter."

Depending on what progress is made it is possible that a short 'communique' may be issued this evening.

The Dutch will make an offer which will satisfy both the aspirations of the Indonesians and Holland's natural desire to retain connection with the East Indies is expressed in a leading article today by the liberal "News Chronicle."

"Upto now," says the paper, all Dutch proposals have been nebulous and for that reason have failed to impress the Indonesians. What is needed is a firm clear offer from the Dutch of Self-Government for the Indies within the Dutch Commonwealth and the naming of a date, not too far ahead, when the plan will come into force.

"An alternative plan—and one favoured by some at least of the Indonesian leaders—is international trusteeship under the United Nations. Either proposal would hold out some hope of a reasonable settlement and our own release from a responsibility that is becoming more and more distasteful."

Four-Power Rule Of Japan

LONDON, Dec. 27. (A. P. A.): The "Big Three" Foreign Ministers were reported reliably here today to have agreed on Four-Power rule of Japan and to have reached other "important decisions", including a five-year trusteeship for Korea and control of 'atomic energy'.

It was understood the "Big Three" agreed that Japan should be controlled by Russia, America, Britain and China. Full details of the agreement were not immediately known, but it was understood that the unanimity rule would prevail on the Four-Power Council

However, the source said, it was not clear whether final authority would rest with the Council or if General Douglas MacArthur would have the power to override decisions as Administering Officer of Japan.

On the question of atomic energy, the "Big Three" were understood to have adopted the Anglo-American plan of presenting a resolution to the United Nations General Assembly in January outlining their suggestions.

Russia was said to have agreed to associate herself with Britain, America and Canada in the presentation of the resolution. France and China were also said to have asked to associate themselves with the document. Thus the resolution would be presented to the United Nations by the "Big Five" and Canada.

"VERY CONSTRUCTIVE"

MOSCOW, Dec. 27. (A.P.A.): American Secretary of State James Byrnes disclosed to-day that an agreement on 'atomic energy' was reached at the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference and would be covered in the final "communique", but indicated that the accord was limited in scope.

"When you read the 'atomic agreement' you will know that no phase other than that set forth was discussed", Byrnes said in a farewell statement to newsmen before leaving Spasso House for the airport to take off for home.

The American Secretary indicated that the "communique", now scheduled for 03-00 G.M.T. (8-30 a.m. I.S.T.) Friday would disclose several other agreements in addition to that on 'atomic energy' and that on Balkan Peace Treaties announced in an interim report.

He said there were discussions on matters on which agreements were not reached and which, therefore, would not be mentioned in the "communique". But he stressed that there were no secret agreements.

GREAT HOPE

Mr. Byrnes left Spasso House for the Moscow airport to-day 07-30 Moscow Time.

In a farewell statement Mr. Byrnes declared that the conference had been "very constructive" not only because of the settlement of many problems, but because of "the cordial relations between the three countries represented".

He added that there was "great hope for the settlement of other problems in the same friendly spirit".

Mr. Byrnes said: "There was no agreement on any subject which will not be covered in the "communique".

"Outside of matters covered in the "communique", the three Foreign Ministers discussed a number of matters and, by exchanges of views, clarified subjects for their three Governments, so that it will be easier to secure achievements agreeable to the Three Governments", he said.

Mr. Byrnes added: "There will never come a time when there will not be matters pending, because new matters always arise. This is because there is no limit to the questions", Byrnes said.

Concluding his farewell statement, Mr. Byrnes said:

"The important thing is that closer relations have been established so that the possibility of agreeing has been greatly increased".

United States Ambassador Harriman said Mr. Byrnes planned to fly straight to the United States without any stop-overs by way of Berlin, Paris and the Azores. His plane left Moscow at 08-30 Moscow time.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 27. (U.P.A.): In the first clash between the strikers and police in Singapore labour disturbances today, when the strikers demonstrated outside municipal buildings, one policeman was injured.

"Spontaneous & Brave, But—"

Gandhiji On 1942 Movement In Mahishadal

MAHISHADAL, Dec. 27, (A. P. I.): The movement in Mahishadal area during 1942 was spontaneous and brave to some extent, but in most cases people left the path of non-violence without which Swaraj could not be attained. This is how Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have viewed the whole situation when he again met Mr. Satish Chandra Samanta, president of the Tamluk Sub-Divisional Congress Committee, to-day to discuss their reports on the August 1942 movement here. The discussion concluded to-day, lasting half an hour.

Gandhiji returns to Sodepur Ashram on the night of January 3rd after his Midnapore tour.

He will pay a visit to Mr. Kumar Chandra Jana's "Gandhi Ashram" at Basudevpur about 12 miles from here, on Saturday next, and on Sunday, on his way to Contai, he will halt at Kakra, an important khadi centre of the District.

STEEL-FRAME OF DEVELOPMENT

Yar Jung Bahadur's Address At Institution Of Engineers

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): Governments and administrations must realize that engineers were the "steel-frame" of development and that the completest consultations and co-ordination was required between the administrator and the engineer, said Nawab Zain Yar Jung Bahadur, Member of H. E. H. the Nizam's Executive Council, in his presidential address at the Silver Jubilee Session of the Institution of Engineers (India).

He emphasised that taken as a whole, nearly 75 per cent of any scheme of planned economy would need the talents, the mind and the application of the engineer.

No Settlement On Basis Of Two Indias

Country Must Be Treated As Free And Equal Dominion Demands Sapru

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 27. (A. P. I.)

The steps which the Viceroy and His Majesty's Government should take to build a spirit of hopefulness and confidence in the country leading to the success of their plans for establishment of the Constitution Making Body are outlined by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in an interview to the special correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian".

One India

Sir Tej feels that the elections are not going to settle the problems because it is certain that the Congress and the Muslim League will be returned by overwhelming majorities in various Provincial Legislatures.

"That does not mean", says Sir Tej, "the main point of controversy between Hindus and Muslims whether there should be One Free India or Two will be finally settled. Every effort should be made to compose those differences.

"I would strongly advise that majority communities should themselves offer adequate and effective, even generous, safeguards for the rights of minorities but this, of course, means there shall be one India. Frankly speaking, I see no chance of settlement on the basis of two Indias."

IS BRITAIN PREPARED TO GO AHEAD?

Sir Tej observed "after elections the crux of the problem is whether the British Government in control of administrative machinery, will be prepared to go ahead, if any party or community, be it Hindu or Muslim, perversely declines to co-operate with the Constitution Making Body. The course of future events and the attitude of different parties will be very largely determined by the answer which the Government gives."

"For the success of plans," says Sir Tej, "it is essential that the Viceroy's Central Cabinet should be reconstituted by taking sufficient number of public men belonging to parties in the Legislature, men who command the confidence of the country and who have influence with their respective parties.

It would be a pity if at that stage some leaders held aloof from such Council or imposed impossible conditions. The Viceroy and the British Cabinet should be generous towards the minorities but should not refuse to proceed ahead if any party adopts intransigent attitude.

RESPONSIBLE GOVTS. 'DE FACTO'

Having done this, they should establish Provincial Ministries immediately and treat those Ministries as if they were in fact, though not in theory, fully responsible Governments A too legalistic view of Constitution is apt to perpetuate suspicion in Indian minds. What is necessary is conscious and deliberate establishment of wholesome conventions tending to produce confidence.

"Ordinary constitutional method," proceeds Sir Tej dealing with the post-war reconstruction schemes, "must replace arbitrary methods of administration under the Defence of India Rules, the working of which has produced tremendous dissatisfaction in the country. The attitude of the Government towards politicians press and popular bodies must undergo radical change.

"Economic problems must be taken in hand through Indian agencies everywhere. Big schemes of post-war development should not be settled over the heads of Indian Government.

"Finally, recruitment for services whether civil or military should cease in England

NEED FOR CHANGE IN GOVT POLICY

"India must be treated in all respects as a Free and Equal Dominion. If all this is done, favourable atmosphere will be created for the functioning of the Constitution Making Body and bring about psychological change over the people.

"This is possible only by a change in the policy of the Government and not merely by daily repetition of the criticism that India is helplessly divided and cannot achieve anything unless people are united.

"Immediate necessity at the present moment is that the Government should take concrete action which will serve as foundation for creating unity and freedom to be built in a spirit of hopefulness and confidence

(See Page 5.)

VICEROY'S CABINET RESHUFFLE

NAGPUR, Dec. 27. (U.P.I.): There are persistent rumours in well-informed political circles in Nagpur that the Governor-General's Executive Council will be reconstituted before the session of the Central Assembly on January 21 next.

These circles anticipate that the reshuffle may take place even in the first week of the new year.

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Br. Paratroopers On Sit Down Strike

AVERSION TO BEING USED AGAINST INDONESIANS

LONDON, Dec. 27. (Reuter): British paratroops in Java—men of the Seventh Battalion of the Fifth Parachute Brigade who fought in Normandy—have staged a "sit down strike" according to the Labourite "Daily Herald's" reporter in Java, John Steen.

Steen says the paratroops took this action over a minor complaint mainly concerning the quality of food, but arising out of their general aversion to being used in Java on behalf of the Dutch against the Indonesians.

A London private remarked, according to Steen, "we don't mind fighting against our real enemy but we object to being involved in this affair against defenceless Indonesians." Steen adds that the man expressed the widespread feeling of British troops in Java.

The paratroops have also expressed their feelings in a rather more violent term, adds the correspondent. "Some of them yesterday smashed up a cafe in a brawl with Dutch troops and there have been other similar expressions of their disapproval."

Commenting on the burning of the Indonesian village by Dutch native and white troops as a reprisal for alleged shooting of a Dutch officer, Steen says that British airmen and soldiers present "vividly expressed their disgust."

Steen adds. "I asked a slightly drunk Dutch non-commissioned officer why the Dutch troops had started the fire. He replied, "We started it because one of those—Indonesians shot one of our officers."

"Then I asked to see the officer's body. He said he did not know where it was."

Andhra Nationalist Muslims To Contest All Seats

MADRAS, Dec. 27 (U.P.I.)—All Mohammedan seats in the Madras Assembly will be contested by the candidates nominated by the Andhra Provincial Nationalist Muslim Party, informs Mr. Mirza Ghouse Baig, President of the Party, to the "United Press of India." In all there are ten seats and the Election Board of the Party has invited applications from intending candidates before January 10.

Father Of Imam Of Woking Mosque Dead

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (A.P.I.)—The death has occurred in his village home of Moulvi Syed Rahat Ali, father of Maulana Aftabdin Ahmad, the Imam of the Woking Mosque, England.

INDONESIAN REPUBLIC ISSUES OWN STAMPS

BATAVIA (By Mail): The Indonesian Republican Government has now issued its own stamps. These are old and new Netherlands Indies stamps and Japanese stamps. They have been over-printed with the words "Republik Indonesia."

So far "issues" have been restricted to old Dutch stamps of one cent and three-and-a-half cents, to Japanese stamps of five, ten, twenty and forty cents, over-printed in red, and to the latest pre-war Netherlands Indies two-and-a-half cent stamp, and a Japanese stamp of sixty cents, overprinted in black.

FINANCIAL AID TO PARSI STUDENTS

Applications Invited From Those Intending Studies Abroad

Before the War several Parsi charity Trusts of Bombay were giving, through a committee specially constituted for the purpose, financial aid to Parsi students for higher studies abroad.

Since 1940 the committee was inactive due to war conditions. However, it has been decided to resume its work from January 1.

Accordingly applications are invited for financial aid from Parsi students of requisite competence intending to go abroad for higher studies, preferably for scientific and technical studies. Applications on the prescribed forms can be had from the Parsi Punchayet Office, 209, Hornby Road. They should reach the office not later than January 1.

BOMBAY SOUTH INDIAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE will be held in the first week of Feb. 1946, when prominent leaders are expected to participate. A Reception Committee has been formed for this purpose with Mr. K. S. Gopalakrishnan as Chairman, Messrs. K. S. Venkitakrishnan and S. Kandaswamy as Secretaries, and Mr. K. T. Thevar as Treasurer.

France Approves Bretton Woods Agreement

"Delivering World From Evils Of Financial Disorders"

PARIS, DEC. 27. (A.P.A.): THE FRENCH CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY EARLY TO-DAY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENT AND THE AMERICAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK LOAN OF 550.000.000 FRANCS.

The Assembly in effect approved the Government's devaluation of the Franc by voting 506 to 44, to give the Government authority to revalue the gold stock of the Bank of France, on the basis of the new gold content of the paper Franc.

The profits from the revaluation, in reality only a book-keeping profit, were calculated at approximately 118.000 000 000 francs.

M. Rene Pleven, Finance Minister, told the Assembly that France had so suffered from international monetary disorders in the past that she should accept the Bretton Woods Agreement. He described the international financial accord as "the first attempt to deliver the world from the evils" of financial disorders, and also explained the devaluation of the franc.

France "has suffered too much" from international monetary disorders that she readily supported the Bretton Woods Agreement, M. Rene Pleven added. He spoke in favour of ratification of the international financial accord, which he called "the first attempt to deliver the world from the evils" of financial disorders and payment restrictions, also explained the devaluation of franc.

The debate began early, and with several recesses lasted until late at night before ratification of the accord was finally to be put to a vote.

M. Pleven admitted that "certain criticisms" could be raised against the agreement, saying "it is to be feared that the monetary fund will not be sufficient, that dollars will be lacking and that disequilibrium, resulting from the war, cannot be compensated for in every case through credit."

Speaking earlier in favour of ratification of the international financial accord, he said France's 1946 programme of food imports alone called for an expenditure of 2.500 million dollars. French gold and foreign exchange holdings had declined from 3,200 million dollars at the start of the war to 1,800 million to-day, with private French holdings abroad amounting to another 1,000 million dollars. It was for these reasons, that the French Government had concluded the American loan.

"We will destroy all unjustified increases. We will strangle all inflation," he said. "We cannot ask assistance abroad without first putting our house in order ourselves."

PEACE TALKS AT CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27. (Reuter): The Kuomintang (Government party) and the Communists today resumed their peace negotiations which had been interrupted five weeks ago.

The negotiations started about a year ago and are designed to end the fighting between Chinese Communist and Government troops and restore peace throughout China.

CHUNGKING TROOPS TO ENTER MUKDEN

LONDON, Dec. 27. (Reuter). The Chinese Nationalist troops are expected to enter Mukden in the New Year, according to high officials at the Nationalist Headquarters at Chinchow quoted by John Ridley, the Daily Telegraph's special correspondent in Manchuria.

Ridley says that General Chiang Chingkuo, son of Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, arrived at Chinchow by air on December 18 from Chang-Chun where he was negotiating with the leaders of the Red Army for the entry of Nationalist troops into Mukden.

U. P. BUS STRIKE

Complete Success Or Fizzling Out?

LUCKNOW, Dec. 26. (A.P.I.): While the motor bus strike which began in the Province on Saturday last as a protest against the railroad co-ordination scheme of the Government, is claimed as a "complete success" by Kunwar Jyoti Prasad, President, Representative Council of U. P. Motor Operators, Mr. H. J. Thom Transport Commissioner, U.P., says that the strike "is now fizzling out".

Kunwar Jyoti Prasad in an interview with the "Associated Press of India" estimated that about eight lakhs of people had been affected in the first five days of the strike and the bus owners had suffered a loss of nearly Rs. 7.00,000. The strikers, he said, were adamant in spite of Government threats of seizure of their buses, and cancellation of permits. "We demand postponement of the scheme till the popular ministry comes back" he declared.

Kunwar Jyoti Prasad indicated that a meeting of the Representative Council of the U. P. Motor Operators had been called for Dec. 28 to discuss the latest situation and to take a final decision. He said Government's threat of seizure of buses and cancellation of permits, the question of picketing Government buses and the appeal of public leaders "to call off the strike in public interest" will also be considered.

Mr. Thom interviewed said, "the strike is now fizzling out without any disciplinary action having been taken so far by the Government or by Regional and District Authorities." He added that the strike was never complete. Some districts were entirely unaffected and in practically all regions the mail services were continued. Mr Thom indicated that there was no intention of taking action against operators who resumed the interrupted services at an early date and this may be accepted as an earnest of Government's desire to protect and cater for the interests of existing operators in its transport scheme."

Mr Thom said that there had never been any suggestion that political leaders in this Province had any objection to the broad outlines of Government transport policy although they did consider that adequate measures were not being taken to protect the interests of existing operators.

The Transport Commissioner said that he was willing to meet the leaders of the strikers "in this unfortunate strike at any time to bring it to an early termination."

Action Against Franco

Republicans' Call To Spaniards

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter): The conference between Britain, United States and France on relations with the Franco regime in Spain is now only awaiting decision by the French Government on time and place.

British and American replies to the recent French note suggesting break in diplomatic relations with Franco Spain, whose general outlines are now known, make it clear that both the countries are ready to hold such a conference with France, writes Khalek Quereshi Reuter's correspondent in London.

On the other hand the British reply, according to Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, does not recommend breaking off diplomatic relations at this stage, while the American note is said in Paris to maintain a reserved attitude on this point although expressing no sympathy with the present Spanish regime.

Usually reliable sources in London say, that Britain's advice against a diplomatic break with General Franco is based on the belief that it would rally opinion in Spain behind Franco and would consequently diminish the chances of his overthrow. It might serve rather to consolidate the present Spanish Government than to encourage its replacement.

At the same time there are good reasons to believe that the British reply may indicate the Labour Government's dislike of the Franco regime or of its desire to see it replaced by a stable democratic government at the earliest moment.

Last night a Spanish Republican Foreign Office spokesman was on the air calling on Spaniards to join the Spanish guerilla forces and fight the Franco regime.

"Spaniards—fight for the same democratic freedom which Yugoslavia and many other countries have gained by guerilla warfare" said the announcer. "Join in the battle for liberation. Hoist the flag of resistance."

Another call for action against General Franco has been made by the International Democratic Federation of Women in Paris.

The Federation was formed at the beginning of this month at the close of the International women's Congress at which India was represented.

According to the Moscow radio it has sent a telegram to the 'Big Three' Foreign Ministers in Moscow calling "in the name of its 81,000,000 members for the liquidation of the Franco regime."

"We consider that the security of peoples will not be assured as long as there is a Fascist Spain in Europe", said the telegram.

In Paris it is stated that the French Government will raise no objections to visits to France of representatives of the "Spanish Republican Government" formed in exile in Mexico in September. At the same time this will not imply that France recognises the Republican Government, said French official circles.

Several members of Spain's Republican "shadow" government including the Prime Minister Senor Jose Giral, are shortly leaving for France from Mexico City.

AMERICA READY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter): The United States Government was ready and willing to explore the whole problem of the Franco regime in Spain jointly with France and Britain, announced the Acting Secretary of State Mr. Acheson today.

He told a Press Conference that this fact was contained in the American reply delivered in Paris yesterday to the French note suggesting tripartite discussions and a possible united diplomatic break with Franco.

Mr. Acheson also said that the British had also replied to the French note but he did feel disposed to disclose the contents of the British note.

Mr. Acheson added that the time and place for discussions on the Franco regime were up to the French Government.

Hotel-Keepers' Plea For Restoration Of Sugar Quota

Mr. M. H. Vyas, Hon. Secretary, Bombay and Suburban Hotel-keepers' Association writes:

The quota of sugar of the Hotels was reduced by 33 per cent by the Bombay Government in the month of January 1945, on account of corresponding reduction in the Provincial Sugar quota by the Central Government. Now we learn authoritatively that the cut is partly restored by the Central Government, and therefore, the sugar quota of the hotels, should also be reinstated. The hotel trade has worked under great privations during the war, and therefore, the Government should also relax the stringent restrictions that are imposed on the hotel trade.

I earnestly request the Government of Bombay to relax the restrictions in order that the hotel trade may begin functioning under normal conditions.

"MARCH OF EVENTS"

The B.P.C.C. has brought "March of Events" 1942-1945 up-to-date. Now it includes all the resolutions of the Working Committee passed in their Calcutta meeting and also the Election Manifesto. Copies will be available on 28th December at the Congress House.

WHY CAVEESHER WAS REFUSED CONGRESS TICKET

(From Our Correspondent.)

LAHORE, Dec. 27.

It is reliably learnt that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Convener of the Central Parliamentary Board of the Congress has telegraphically asked the circumstances under which the Congress ticket to contest the Provincial Assembly elections was refused to Sardar Sardulsingh Caveesher.

This explanation is sought from Maulana Daud Gaznavi, Chairman, Punjab Congress Parliamentary Board. The reply has been sent but its contents have been kept secret.

Sardar Sardulsingh Caveesher's nomination papers filed at Ambala before the returning officer under instructions from the Provincial Parliamentary Board on Dec. 12, last date for nomination but a day before withdrawal on Dec. 18, Caveesher's people were asked to withdraw in favour of Sardar Indarsingh. Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, it is learnt, is taking a keen interest in Caveesher. Sardar Sardulsingh Caveesher, Acting President, All-India Forward Bloc is in detention since March 1941 in Dharmsala sub-jail. I am reliably informed that the Punjab Government is carrying on correspondence with the Central Government regarding Caveesher's release. It is expected that Caveesherji would be released in the first week of January, 1946.

Cable Items

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27. (A.P.A.): Bing Crosby was named 'cinema box office leader' again in 1945 in a poll of exhibitors conducted by the magazine, "Motion Picture Herald". He was the winner last year also. Van Johnson was ranked as Number 2 leader.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (A.P.A): A nationwide telephone strike may follow the scheduled January 3 walk-out of the Western Electric Company employees of the New York and New Jersey areas, a Union spokesman said today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (U.P.A.): A Madrid dispatch carried by the "New York Times" reported that a ton of gold taken from the German Embassy by the Allies is scheduled to be flown to Germany on December 27th.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27. (U.P.A.). Canadian mining circles predicted today that as a result of the war, platinum will be used more and more for industrial purposes, but bemoaned the fact that Canada and Alaska—which are among the world's largest producers of the white gold—will be unable to supply any increased demand.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 26. (Reuter): General Sir William Slim, leader of the famous "Forgotten Army", in Burma arrived on board the troopship 'Georgic' at Liverpool yesterday. General Slim has come home to take command of the Imperial Defence College.

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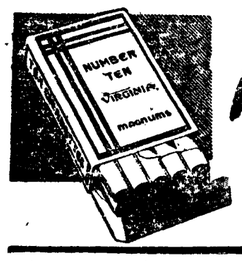

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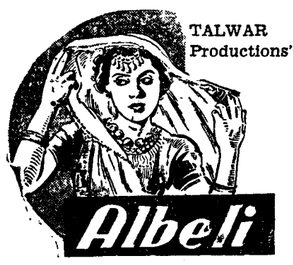

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CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Magsar Vad 10, 2002.
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Parsi: Tir 26, 1315.
Sunrise 7.11 a.m. Sunset 6.11 p.m.
Highside: 6-20, 20.35.
Lowtide: 9.12, 13.40.
STANDING COMMITTEE, Bombay Corporation, 4 p.m., to-day.

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "The Stream of Monards" is the subject for study at a public meeting, at 6-15 to-day at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

RAMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ: Sri Seshadri Swami Aradhana Musical entertainment (veena) by Srimati Lalita Venkatram, at 9 p.m., to-day (Friday), at Bhuta Niwas, Kings Circle Matunga.

BANDRA 5-NITES CHARITY FETE: His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay will open the 5-Nites Charity Fete at St. Andrew's School Grounds, Bandra, from December 29 to January 2 at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

INDIAN PEOPLE'S THEATRE ASSOCIATION: Executive committee meeting at 7-30 p.m. to-day at Deodhar Hall, opp. Royal Opera House.

TRAVANCORE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY: Formal inauguration by Sri T. M. Varughese, Vice-President, Travancore State Congress at Podar College at 7 p.m., to-day.

BOMBAY VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: 25th annual conference at 4 p.m. to-day at the Veterinary College, Parel. Mr. M. J. Desai, Secretary to Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, to preside.

MATRIC REVISION CLASSES: Under the auspices of the Bombay Students' Congress Matric revision classes will commence from January 5. All those who desire to attend should get in touch with their school committees or inquire at the office, 42, Kennedy Bridge, between 6 and 7 p.m.

RENEWAL OF TEXTILE LICENCES: Licences granted to yarn dealers in Bombay Province expire on December 31. Licensees who wish to have their licences renewed for a further year should apply to the Provincial Textile Controller, Kalachowkie, Parel Road, Bombay, on or before January 31, 1946, with a renewal fee of five rupees.

NOTICE TO HARIJANS: The concession announced in the Home Department Press "communique" of December 14, provides for relaxation of the maximum and not the minimum age limit by 3 years in favour of Scheduled Caste candidates competing for "war reserved" vacancies.

PUBLIC RECEPTION: Sjt. Kelappan the president elect of the Bombay All Malayalee conference and other Kerala leaders arriving in the city to-day, will be accorded a public reception to-day at Dadar Station at 7 p.m.

BOMBAY, Dec. 27, (U. P. I.): A Conference of the States' Student workers of the All India Students Congress will be held at Udaipur on January 1 and 2, 1946 and not on December 30, 1945 as previously announced. A meeting of the States Sub-Committee of the All India Students Congress also will be held on these dates.

VISIT TO SYNTETIC (INDIA), LTD.: Members of the Executive Committee of the Bombay Provincial Gazetted Medical Services Association paid a visit to Messrs. Syntetic (India) Ltd., at Sleater Road, Bombay, recently when Pro. C. A. Rothenheim, Technical Director of the Company, took them round the laboratories. The Committee included Dr. V. L. Suryavanshi, Civil Surgeon, Belgaum and President of the Association, Dr. D'Souza, Civil Surgeon, Thana, Rao Saheb Kamat, Personal Assistant to Surgeon-General of Hospitals, and Rao Bahadur N. H. Kulkarni. The visitors evinced keen interest in acquainting themselves with some of the pharmaceutics of the company and discussing the formulas thereof.

CONGRESS DIAMOND JUBILEE DAY

(CONGRESS HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT.)

B. P. C. C. Programme of to-day's celebration:

6 a.m.: Prabhat Pheries from various Wards coming to Gowalia Tank Maidan.

8 a.m.: Flag Salutation by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Gokuldas Tejpal Pathashala, near Gowalia Tank Maidan.

8.30 a.m.: Volunteers' March Past and Salute to Sardar.

6 p.m.: Mass Meeting at Gowalia Tank Maidan. Sardar Vallabhbhai to address.

Volunteers are required to present themselves for duty at Gowalia Tank Maidan, at 4 p.m.

Congress Jubilee Meeting In Bombay North

Under the auspices of the Matunga and Sion Congress Committees there will be a public meeting at 8.30 p.m. (S. T.), to-day (Friday) at Nappoo Gardens, Matunga. Sri Asok Mehta will address and Sri Minoo Masani will preside.

Ahrar Leaders Arriving Today

Maulana Syed Ataullah Shah Bukhari, the President elect of Ahrar Conference, Maulana Mazhar Ali, General Secretary of All-India Majlis Ahrar, Agha Shorish Cashmeri, and other Ahrar leaders from the Punjab are arriving to-day (Friday), by Frontier Mail and will be given a reception at the Bombay Central Station.

The Conference will begin at 9 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday), at the Y. M. C. A. Maidan near Back Club Road.

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Lord Sinha's Plea For Congress-League Amity

BOMBAY, Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—"Co-operation and not non-co-operation is the path of peace and progress," said Lord Aroon Sinha, the only Indian Peer in the House of Lords, in an interview with an Associated Press of India representative today.

Lord Sinha who arrived in Bombay yesterday from Britain on a three-month holiday in India added it was a national loss that the best talent of the country, contained in Congress leadership, should be wasted behind prison bars and hoped the Congress party would not only accept office in Provinces but also undertake the administration in the Centre and thus prevent repetition of the Simla Conference stalemate.

Lord Sinha desired that the Congress should soon come to an understanding with the Muslim League and even concede parity of representation, if only to get power into Indian hands.

Hearing Of Claims For Voting

BOMBAY, Thursday.

More electoral petitions were heard at the Court of Small Causes, Bombay, today, by eight practising advocates of the Court, appointed by the Chief Judge to hear and dispose of claims in respect of the lists of amendments to the provincial electoral rolls.

The advocates are: Mr. G. J. Barahia, Mr. B. M. Desai, Mr. M. P. Patwardhan, Mr. D. S. Deodhar, Mr. P. H. Dalal, Mr. E. M. Alvares, Mr. C. G. Vakil and Mr. A. I. Samson.

They are expected to dispose of nearly 1,800 applications during the course of the day. About 1,500 applications were disposed of by the Court last week.

Courts will continue sitting on Friday and Saturday. It is expected that all the 6,000 petitions will be disposed of by the end of the week.

Cocoanut Oil At Govt. Shops

A small quantity of cocoanut oil extracted from copra imported from Ceylon is now available for sale to the public. This oil will be sold through selected Government Grain Shops on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the rate of two pounds per fortnight against the ration card of the head of a family. The sales

50,000 BOMBAY TEACHERS TO GO ON STRIKE

KARAD, Dec. 26 (A.P.I.): Nearly 50,000 primary school teachers in Bombay Province will resort to strike from April 1 or even earlier if their demands for dearness allowance and increase in salaries are not satisfied. This decision was unanimously taken by the special session of the Bombay Provincial Primary Teachers Conference which concluded today after two days under the presidentship of Mr. M. V. Donde.

will commence at 9 a.m. on the above mentioned days and will continue till 12 noon as the stocks permit. If any balance remains out of the day's quota to the shop, it will be sold between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the same day. The retail price fixed for this oil is Rs. 0-7-6 per pound. The above arrangements have begun from Thursday, December 27, 1945.

Musical Art Society

At the concert of Mrs. Hirabai Barodekar held on Saturday last at the Wagle Hall, Prizes were distributed to the competitors who took part in the Music Competition held in the month of November last. Mr. J. M. Kamdar, President of the Society gave away the prizes.

Mrs Hirabai treated the packed audience with her melodious music and rendered variety of Ragas with exquisite perfection. In the midst of the programme Mr. S. B. Kalgutkar, the Jt. Hon. Secretary of the Society, announced that Mrs. Hirabai had enrolled herself as an Associate Member of the Society.

Daring Theft

A daring theft of jewellery and cash worth about Rs. 10,000 took place from 9, Mayfair Churchgate Street, flat of F/Lt. Gurcharan Singh on Sunday. F/Lt. Gurcharan Singh left his flat for Juhu Beach with his family in the morning. On his return in the evening he discovered that his two domestic servants whom he had left behind in the flat were missing with all his jewellery and cash. His rooms and trunks were lying broken open. Investigation of the case by the police is proceeding.

KEROSENE OIL SALE TIMINGS

A Press Note issued by the Supply Commissioner, Bombay, states that the revised hours of sale in respect of kerosene oil in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District will be as follows with effect from 1st January, 1946:—

8-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.; 2-30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.

BOMBAY SHROFFS (BANKERS ASSOCIATION LTD.

It is resolved that the members of the Bombay Shroffs (Bankers) Association Ltd should close their Hundi and other business today Friday on account of Congress Diamond Jubilee Day.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, Dec 28.

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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8.0 a.m. News (E) 8.15 News (E) 8.30 Sham Devre 8.45 Juthika Roy 8-50 News (M) 9.0 News (G) 9.10 Programme Parade 9.15 Azambai (Kolhapur) 9.45 Ghazalen 12-30 p.m. Marathi Songs 12.45 News (M) 12.50 News (G) 12.55 News (H) 1.0 Natten Qawwaliyan Aur Khamse 1.30 News (E) 1.40 Lunch Hour Music 2.30 For Women 4.20 Basheer Khan 4.45 A. S. Damle 5.0 Dilruba Khamaj 5.10 Sundrabai Jadhav 5.30 Sardar Mansoor: Ghazalen 5.45 Topical Talk 5.55 Locals 6.0 Basheer Khan 6.20 To Be Announced 6.30 News (E) 6.40 News (H) 6.45 Rangnath Jadhav and Party 7.0 Music from the Film 7.15 Sham Devre: Bhavgeet 7.30 Sundrabai Jadhav 8.0 "Chalu Arthic Ghadamodi" 8.15 News (M) 8.30 News (G) 8.45 Sham Devre 9.0 News (H) 9.20 News (E) 9.30 B. B. C. News Relay 9.40 Gottuvadyam: Dhun Kafi 9.45 World Affairs 10.0 A. S. Damle 10.15 Rangnath Jadhav Party 10.30 Azambai.

Alarming Food Situation

People's Council Demands Adequate Supplies In Scarcity Areas

The General Secretary, People's Provincial Food Council, Bombay writes:—

The following resolution was adopted by the Council at a meeting of its Committee on the 21st instant:

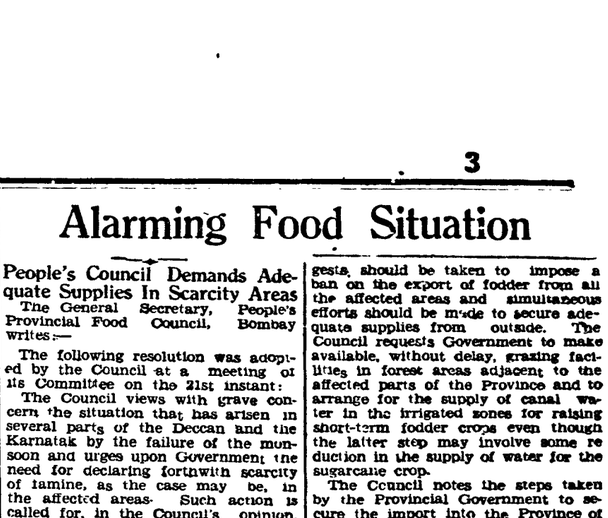
The Council views with grave concern the situation that has arisen in several parts of the Deccan and the Karnatak by the failure of the monsoon and urges upon Government the need for declaring forthwith scarcity of famine, as the case may be, in the affected areas. Such action is called for, in the Council's opinion, so as to provide employment for agricultural labourers on relief works and to initiate such other measures as will enable the population to feed and clothe themselves until after the monsoon.

In areas where the monsoon has failed, proceedings under the foodgrains levy scheme should, the Council urges, be so adjusted that no demand is made for foodgrains that are required by agricultural holders for seed for the next season and for the maintenance of themselves and their families. In view of the shortage of the crops this year, the Council recommends that Government should make arrangements for the stocking locally of adequate supplies of seed for use during the next season.

In view of the scarcity of fodder, immediate steps, the Council suggests, should be taken to impose a ban on the export of fodder from all the affected areas and simultaneous efforts should be made to secure adequate supplies from outside. The Council requests Government to make available, without delay, grazing facilities in forest areas adjacent to the affected parts of the Province and to arrange for the supply of canal water in the irrigated zones for raising short-term fodder crops even though the latter step may involve some reduction in the supply of water for the sugarcane crop.

The Council notes the steps taken by the Provincial Government to secure the import into the Province of an additional quota of foodgrains, but emphasises the desirability of ensuring that these supplies are adequate for the needs of the scarcity areas and is of opinion that the additional quota of imports secured will prove to be entirely inadequate to meet the needs of the situation. It is necessary, in the opinion of the Council, for Government to provide additional facilities for the supply of the staple foodgrains for all sections of the rural population at rural distribution centres by increasing, where necessary, the number of shops and by strengthening the staff at their disposal. In order to relieve distress, it will be further necessary, the Council suggests, to raise the scale of wages paid at relief or other Government works and to reduce the price for the staple foodgrains sold in the scarcity areas.

GLIMPSES OF POST-WAR INDIA



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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 27 (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st Jan. 1945, and departure from normal recorded at eight hours (I. S. T.), on 27-12-45: Ahmedabad 86 63 0 36.7 plus 7.5, Allahabad 55 50 0.8 34.5 minus 7.3, Bangalore 82 59 0 22.2 minus 11.9, Baroda 80 41 0 53.1 nil, Belgaum 79 57 0 43.9 minus 7.0, BOMBAY 80 62 0 88.0 plus 16.8 Calcutta 75 60 0 53.0 minus 9.0, Colombo 88 70 0 63.8 minus 24.2 Cuttack 81 65 0 57.3 minus 3.7, Darjeeling 54 37 0 11 100.6 minus 25.8, Dehra Dun 68 41 0 83.3 plus 3.5 Delhi 70 35 0 29.2 plus 3.0, Hyderabad (Dn) 85 62 0 29.9 plus 0.6, Karachi 73 54 0 6.5 minus 1.2, Lahore 63 36 0 21.0 plus 2.5 Lucknow 64 48 T 32.3 minus 7.7, Madras 84 65 0 42.6 minus 6.9 Mahabaleshwar 64 51 0 249.1 minus 12.1, Multan 66 35 0 5.8 minus 1.2, Nagpur 83 65 0 30.2 minus 1.0, Nasik 84 62 0 53.1 4.5 Ootacamund 69 49 0 53.2 minus 16.4 Pachmarhi 69 42 0 93.1 plus 13.6, Patna 67 65 0.1 42.5 minus 4.2, Peshawar 66 34 0 9.6 minus 4.0 Poona 80 49 0 22.7 minus 3.8, Quetta 54 43 19 0 8.7 minus 0.6, Rawalpindi 63 31 0 40.3 plus 4.1, Shillong 61 37 0 106.6 plus 22.0 Sholapur 86 63 0 16.3 minus 10.9, Simla 41 28 0 63.9 plus 5.1, Srinagar 44 19 0 17.5 minus 8.3.

Calcutta Free From Cold Wave

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27 (A. P. I.): The cold wave which Calcutta has been experiencing for a couple of days has now passed away. The minimum temperature in Calcutta was 47 degress yesterday, today it has risen to 49.7.

The lowest temperature recorded in Calcutta during the past thirty years was 44.9 on 19th January, 1934 and the lowest ever recorded up to date was 44.4 on 20th January, 1839.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is my sincere belief that all men on earth—whether they live in the East or in the West and whatever the colour of their skin may be—will some day be linked together in close fellowship like members of one family.

—Chiang Kai-Shek.

The Bombay Chronicle

SAPRU PROPOSALS

The Sapru Committee's constitutional proposals, a brief summary of which is printed elsewhere in this issue, are the fruit of careful and prolonged investigation and study by men known alike for their outstanding ability, their long experience of constitutional affairs and their dispassionate attitude towards current Indian politics. The proposals deal with almost every important aspect of our constitutional problem and display a deep anxiety to do full justice to all the interests concerned, while conforming generally, to universally accepted principles of modern democratic constitution. They, therefore, deserve to be studied in the same dispassionate spirit in which they have been formulated. They might well have been published much earlier, yet they are in a way opportune as all parties have started preparing for the Constituent Assembly which is to be convened soon after the election. They will also be a useful basis for discussions with the Parliamentary Delegation expected to arrive in India in a few days.

The proposals envisage a constitution for a federated Indian Union, no province being given the right of non-accession. As regards the States, the proposal is that, "while individual States might take their own time to make up their minds as to whether they would accede as Federated units, all of them should from the outset, be treated as in the Union, united with each other and with the rest of India through paramountcy at the Union Centre", the paramountcy being transferred from the Crown to the Indian Federal Cabinet. This proposal about the States is original and feasible but we shall consider the question of States in general on another occasion. But to deny a province a right conceded to every State is anomalous and attended with possible risks which may lead to civil war. It is for this reason that the Congress has conceded provinces the right of self-determination, which may mean non-accession.

This leads us to the problem of Pakistan to which the Sapru Committee has given very full consideration. Discussing first the theoretical basis for partition of India, the claim that Muslims form a separate nation, the Committee denies the claim altogether. Applying the recognised objective tests of nationality to the provinces of the Punjab and Bengal, the Committee shows that the claim cannot be established on grounds of race, language or culture. If religion is to be the basis of division many other communities can claim separate nationhood, and the Hindus and Sikhs can also claim parts of the Punjab to be their homeland. After a thorough discussion of all the issues involved in partition, economic and political, the Committee comes to the conclusion that "Pakistan solves no communal problems and only raises fresh ones: that on grounds of defence, leaving apart other major considerations, a division of the country into two independent States will endanger the safety of both and that there is no justification for the British Government to support such a revolutionary scheme." The Committee adds: "The partition of India would be an outrage justified neither by history nor by political expediency. It is incompatible with the greatness, safety and economic development of the country and will lead either to constant internecine war or perpetual foreign domination. It multiplies and complicates the problem of minorities without solving it and threatens to plunge India back into the dark and dismal days of the 18th century". The question will naturally be asked how else we can allay the Muslims' fear of perpetual domination by the Hindus who form a large majority. The Committee points out that the fear and much of the present Hindu-Muslim tension are due to separate electorates and, therefore, strongly recommends joint electorates with reserved seats for Muslims. The Committee also recommends that, if this basic reform is accepted and not otherwise—Muslim representation from British India in the Union Assembly, excluding the seats given to special interests, will be on a par with the representation given to Hindus excluding the Scheduled Castes. The Committee also recommends the representation of the different communities in the Central Executive on the basis of their strength in the Legislature. The Committee hopes that the weightage given to Muslims will leave no cause for fear and that with the working of joint electorates communal differences will be minimised. If the Committee's proposals, which are both just and generous to Muslims, are acceptable to them at least to the extent of being a basis for negotiations, there will be little difficulty that cannot be got over during the negotiations. Otherwise, the Congress decisions are the best approach to the constitutional problem. Further progress towards a solution is possible if only the League gives up its elusive attitude and states fully and clearly its constitutional demands and discusses these with representatives of the Congress. All this will have to be done at some stage or other. It will benefit all if the League makes the necessary clarification very early. Probably it will not suit the League to discuss the implications of the Pakistan scheme before the elections. If so, let us hope the League will be more accommodating at least after the elections. Meanwhile, the Sapru Report, with its wealth of facts, figures and historical precedents, will, we have no doubt, help the public enormously in forming clear ideas about a constitution which needs or tends to be unparalleled in the history of constitution-making.

Frankly Speaking

A Sorry Agreement

According to a Paris report an agreement has been reached between the French, the British and the Chinese military authorities under which French troops will shortly relieve Chinese armed forces in Tonkin and North Annam and British troops in Cochin-China. The French High Commissioner, Admiral Dargenlieu is, further, credited with the statement that "by the beginning of the year we hope to have full control over the whole of Indo-China". This agreement may be a triumph for French Imperialism because it will be a considerably helpful step towards the attempted restoration of that imperialism in Indo-China. But it will solve no problem and will instead sharpen the political crisis. The issue is not restoration of the French Empire but the conceding of the right of the people of Indo-China to their freedom. The agreement, as it appears is the penultimate stage of the betrayal of this right by Britain and it is painful to note, by China.

Flooding Palestine

It is by no means surprising that "Haganah", the illegal military organisation of the Jews in Palestine, has "struck again". That is to say it has successfully concluded and the operation of landing illegal immigrants and "absorbing" them in Jewish settlements and elsewhere. Such operations have been going on for long and continually. The significant thing about them now is that they are publicly announced. The mandatory authority seems to be helpless against the "Haganah". And so helpless, indeed, that even British aeroplanes, destroyers and searchlights simply missed the schooner "Hammah Sennes" that brought the latest batch of illegal immigrants to Palestine! There is another noteworthy feature about the "Hammah Sennes" efforts namely, that she was equipped with United States Air Force life belts. It is clear that if the "Haganah", despite its grave illegality, functions in Palestine so freely and successfully, the responsibility for it must rest with Britain and America. It is also clear that Palestine is in danger of losing its Arab majority after which Palestine will automatically cease to be Arab and become Jewish.

British Troops' Aversion

The London "Daily Herald" is the organ of the British Labour Party and, therefore, at least semi officially of the Labour Government. It cannot manifestly allow any injustice to be done to the Government of Mr. Attlee. If such a paper publishes a report, as it has done, about the situation in Java it cannot naturally be regarded as deliberate propaganda in favour of Indonesians. Yet its correspondent has in fact sent a despatch which clearly suggests first that British military authorities are favouring the Dutch, even to the extent of burning a village for unauthenticated reasons and, secondly, that the ordinary British soldier, even the carefully chosen and trained para trooper, has a "general aversion to being used in Java on behalf of the Dutch against the Indonesians." Ordinary decent folk, who have been sent to Java to help carry out British policy, know that they are being used not for the discharging of a moral obligation but for the restoration of immoral imperialism. It is not surprising that they should be disgusted. But it will be surprising if the allegedly Socialist and anti-Imperialist Mr. Attlee and his colleagues are influenced by this disgust in their talks with Dutch Ministers at London.

Sound Suggestions

In the current number of "Gram Udyoga Patrika" Mr. Vaikunthbhai L. Mehta offers several suggestions to Government calculated to ensure a better use of the food available in the country. Briefly, the main suggestions are that the production of sugar should not be encouraged at the expense of 'gur', which is more nutritive, and that the present restrictions on the milling of cereals should at least be continued, if they cannot be made more stringent as excessively milled cereals are far less nutritious than under-milled cereals. Indeed, Mr. Mehta wishes that "just as is done in some countries like the Philippines, a ban should be put on rice mills; and the people, whether in towns or cities, called upon to consume hand-pounded rice". For he feels that "it is only then that the danger of the extension of deficiency diseases caused by the use of the milled product can be averted." The suggestions will be substantially endorsed by food experts and deserve to be seriously considered by Government and the public. There should also be much educative propaganda in favour of hand-pounded or under-milled cereals.

States People's Right

A conference of representatives of states people's organisations in South India has just demanded that in the proposed Constituent Assembly "the representation of states should be only by representatives of the people in the states". It will be a travesty of representation if the representatives of the States are all nominees of the Rulers. The States People's organisations all over the country should agitate vigorously for their rights in this matter. Nor should they miss the chance of emphasising them in their interviews with the Parliamentary Delegation. The Delegation on its part will do well to acquaint themselves fully with the hither-to neglected point of view of the States people.

Our Readers' Views

Cloth Rationing At Surat

There is no rationing of cloth in the city of Surat. The District of Surat has been allotted a quota of certain bales by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay. The quota allotted is so meagre that the want of cloth is hardly met. Even though the position of cloth in the city as well as the district is serious, the authorities have considered it fit to cancel the quota of cloth allotted to one "Ajit Stores" of Surat. I do not understand on what grounds. This store was started when there was actual shortage of cloth and the older merchants were engaged in the art of black-marketing. The store was doing a tremendous service to the public of Surat by supplying the needs of every one whether rich or poor. The public of Surat has been grieved and hence a deputation of the citizens under the leadership of D. B. Natwarlal Javeri, who is the President of the Committee of Management of the Surat Borough Municipality waited on the Collector and District Magistrate, pleading for the continuance of the services of the Ajit Stores. The public are at a loss to understand why they are deprived of the privilege to get the right type of cloth from a right type of a store and placed at the mercy of the worst type of other dealers.

Surat. A. B. PATEL

PAKISTAN A CHIMERA

Nationalist Muslims Gaining Strength

The Secretary, Bombay Provincial Nationalist Muslim Parliamentary Board writes:—

"Reports pouring in from the districts show that tremendous progress is going on in connection with the election programme. The Nationalist Muslims are gaining a place in the heart of the Muslim masses by their unerring propaganda. The main theme of the propaganda is that without the freedom of this country, freedom to other colonial dependencies of which the Muslim colonies form a large part is impossible.

Quite truly they show Pakistan in its true perspective. Pakistan to the Muslims will only mean the exploitation of the Muslim capitalists and Zamindars rather than the exploitation of the Hindus, Muslims and foreign capitalism and indegenous landlord classes. The only concession Pakistan makes is to British imperialism and exploit the resources of Pakistan in company with the British finance capital. This, of course, is the inference inasmuch as the Muslims of the League are not fighting for the freedom of the country, but are only after a chimera which is Pakistan, which they know, is a false demand. The country will gain nothing substantially by capturing the legislatures, but the Nationalist Muslims say, this is one of the posts from which Britain directs propaganda against Indian Nationalism and it is necessary that such a place should not be left for the opponents of Indian freedom. If the Muslims want freedom, of course they will listen to the Nationalist Muslims and as it seems they wish for freedom and they do listen to the Nationalist with sympathy avowing all support.

DR. CHUGHA HOMOEOPATHIC GENERAL HOSPITAL FREE FOR POOR.

Due to progress in inward and outward departments of the hospital, well qualified and experienced physicians have been added to the staff and the hours of attendance for outdoor patients have been increased. Physicians will be in attendance from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on week days and 10 to 12 noon on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Maternity cases are also admitted in the Hospital where deliveries are easy even in complicated cases.

Where Congress Office Was Burnt By Police

Gandhiji And Party Visit Places In And Around Mahishadal

MAHISHADAL, Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—While Mahatma Gandhi is meeting Congress workers and representatives of sufferers in his small hut here, his son Mr. Manilal Gandhi, Dr. Susila Nayar, Mrs. Abha Gandhi and other members of his entourage are visiting places in and around Mahishadal.

Accompanied by Mr. Jibanands Bhattacharjee, a prominent Congress worker, they visited today Sundra where the Congress office is reported to have been burnt by police during the 1942 disturbances. They also visited in Rajarampur the spot where stood the residential house of a local leader that is alleged to have been burnt and demolished by the police. They were also shown such other places nearby.

Gandhiji met today members of the Executive Committee of the Tamluk Sub-Divisional Congress Committee when discussions were held for about half an hour on the present political situation and his constructive programme.

GANDHIJI'S ASSAM TOUR PROGRAMME

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27 (U.P.I.)—According to the latest programme Gandhiji will start for his Assam tour on January 8 on which date he will leave for Gauhati and reach there on January 9. He will stay in Gauhati up to January 13 and return to Sodepur on January 14.

Gandhiji will leave for Madras on January 21 to preside over the Silver Jubilee of the Hindusthani Prachar Sabha, Madras.

MAHATMA-BASU TALKS

MAHISHADAL, (Midnapore), Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu ex-Minister, Bengal, met Mahatma Gandhi last night when a discussion took place on Mr. Basu's report on Mahishadal affairs during the 1942 August movement.

A conference is also likely to be held here on Saturday between Mahatma Gandhi and the sufferers of the movement, including several victimised women.

Gandhiji will conclude his Mahishadal tour on December 30 when he will proceed to Contai.

JAWAHAR'S UDAIPUR PROGRAMME

UDAIPUR, Dec. 27 (U.P.I.)—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President-elect of the All-India States' Peoples' Conference, will arrive at Kankroli by air 'en route' to Udaipur on the afternoon of December 29. He will address a public meeting there in the evening. The presidential procession has been arranged on the afternoon of December 31. The Standing Committee of the States' Peoples' Conference will meet on December 30.

AZAD NAGAR ELECTRIFIED

Several prominent workers have already arrived in Udaipur, including Messrs. Balwant Rai Mehta, Rangildas Kapadia, Hiralal Sastri, and Jainarain Vyas. Azad Nagar, the site of the Conference has been electrified, and a water supply system has been installed. A Telegraph office and a railway booking office have also been opened.

SAPRU CALLS AT ANAND BHAWAN

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 27 (U.P.I.)—Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru called at Anand Bhawan this morning and was closeted with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru for about one hour when, it is presumed, Pandit Nehru apprised Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru with the talks recently held between the Congress leaders and the Bengal Governor and also between the Viceroy and Mahatma Gandhi.

The Parliamentary Delegation's visit to India and the attitude of the Congress to it also formed the subjection of discussion.

BHULABHAI FOR BOMBAY

NEW DELHI, December 27 (A.P.I.)—After the conclusion of his work in connection with the I.N.A. trial, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, leading Defence Counsel, is returning to Bombay on December 31.

It is understood that he will not return to Delhi in the near future as there will be no formal judgment delivered by the Court Martial but only a recommendation by the tribunal to the confirming authority.

WHY PERPETUATE GHULAMISTAN?

CAWNPORE, Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—"If India is broken into pieces in response to the demand of the sponsors of Pakistan there will neither be Pakistan nor Hindustan but perpetual 'Ghulamistan' to the detriment of the people," said Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, member of the Congress Working Committee speaking at a dinner given by the citizens of Cawnpore in honour of those who have been elected members of the Central Legislative Assembly from the United Provinces.

"When the countries of Europe are talking of a strong European Federation in the interests of their security and prosperity in this age of clashes how can it be hoped that smaller pieces of a country can exist in isolation?" asked Pandit Pant.

DEO ON CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME

NAGPUR, December 27 (A.P.I.)—The need of Congressmen taking up constructive programme of work as laid down by Mahatma Gandhi was emphasised by Mr. Shankarrao Deo member of the Congress Working Committee, who is on a visit of C. P. Marathi Districts, addressing a gathering of Congress workers from all parts of Nagpur Province. Mr. Deo felt that those who were ready to implement any one of the time of constructive work should go to the Legislatures on behalf of the Congress. Merely jailgoing or addressing public meetings would no longer be considered sufficient qualification for Congressmen asking to enter legislatures on Congress ticket. Such Congressmen who were fit to carry out constructive work from within the Legislatures would be selected for Parliamentary activity in the Provinces, he added.

American Crews' Open Sympathy For Indonesians

LONDON, Dec. 27. (Reuter): United States ships are now helping in the evacuation of internees from Java, according to the "Daily Telegraph" special correspondent in Batavia, who says that vessels WINCHESTER VICTORY and AMHERST VICTORY have already taken upwards of 5,000 from Samarang, Sourabaya and Batavia.

The correspondent says "A disturbing feature of the use of these two American ships for this United Nations task is the attitude of the crews to women and children. At least, twice the crew has refused to take any part in assisting them aboard with heavy luggage or to make any effort to help the sick up the steep gangways.

"Passengers are amazed at this attitude and by the remarks of the crews who are reported to have answered their appeal for help with such statements as "We are on the side of the Indonesians get aboard the best way you can".

The correspondent comments: "American crews are obviously under a serious misconception as their innate courtesy to women in normal circumstances have overcome any personal opinions they might hold on political questions".

Nurie's Call To Sevikas

Follow The Example Of "Kesarias"

"Pakistan will make India weak and she will not be able to play her part in Asia as a leading nation" said Mr. Nurie during his one hour informal talk to the Sevika Dal at Congress House, yesterday.

Introducing Mr. Nurie to the Sevikas, Mrs. Safia Khan said that Mr. Nurie was having a busy time in Bombay and though he had not had his lunch she could trust him to speak to the Sevikas.

Speaking about the great problem of Hindu-Muslim unity Mr. Nurie sketched in brief the clever attempts of the British in dividing Indians as Hindus and Muslims. He held responsible for this disunity the wrong method of teaching history and the granting of separate electorates which made two parties in India on the basis of religion and not on the party programme the natural and logical consequence which was the present demand for recognising Hindus and Muslims as two nations.

The speaker explained to the Sevikas on what terms Congress had already granted the principle of self-determination in its 1942 August resolution which even granted residuary powers and right of secession too.

He then turned to the unreasonable claims of Mr. Jinnah to include Assam, which was not a Muslim majority province, in the Pakistan area and said that if this were granted then there would be a further demand for a corridor from Bengal to Punjab, which itself be reiterated would create frequent riots.

Concluding Mr. Nurie explained the pitiable circumstances in which the peasants and Kisans were living without even the consciousness of their own rights against the land holders and zamindars in Sind, the Punjab and Bengal which were "Pakistan Provinces" and affirmed that if Pakistan were to come the capitalist and zamindar reactionary elements in the League would suppress any kind of revolutionary change and there will be no Government of the people where the worker, the kisan and the mazdoor would have power and which was the objective of the Indian National Congress.

The speaker asked the Sevikas to study carefully the conditions in the country, work for communal harmony and serve the nation keeping before them the example of old Rajputs—Kesarias—who preferred death to enemy conquest.

Shaw Urges New Alphabet

LONDON, Dec. 27 (A.P.A.)—George Bernard Shaw today appealed to the British Government to appoint a Committee to draft a new alphabet "with which every sound in our speech can be written with one graphic and easily written symbol without even crosses or dots."

Such an alphabet, the dramatist wrote in a letter to the London "Times", would soon pay the cost of the war in time saved.

Urging phonetic spellings instead of "Dr. Johnson's monumental misspelling, which is now much more sacred than the Creed and the Catechism", Shaw declare, the word "bomb" should be spelt "bom", dropping the final "b".

"I can scribble the word 'bomb' barely legibly 18 times in one minute, and 'bom' 24 times, a saving of 25 per cent", the dramatist declared.

He urged that "cranks" such as universal language advocates and shorthand experts be disqualified from his proposed alphabet drafting committee.

VANGUARD OF FREEDOM

Sir Alladi Eulogises Role Of Legal Profession

MADRAS, Dec. 25. (A.P.I.): The legal profession had been in the vanguard of the battle for freedom in Britain; in America and in British India, observed Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer, declaring open the Madras Provincial Lawyers' Conference held here to-day. Within the last few years, however, Sir Alladi added, on account of various contributory causes in Indian politics, the profession had drawn back in the political field. It was upto the profession to regain the position that it was losing in the body politic by unstinted devotion to service and to public cause.

Sir Alladi dealt with the question of defence of prisoners accused of offences, political or otherwise and the duties of the profession in regard thereto. The basic principle of English jurisprudence was that no man should be condemned unheard and that the abhorrence of crime did not involve countenancing to the least extent transgressions of the rights of the worst offenders.

The recent trials of Lord Haw Haw and John Amery brought out clearly these aspects of British Jurisprudence. Due to peculiar political conditions of India and a possible misapprehension in regard to official attitude, there had been a disposition here and there to fight shy of what were considered political causes.

He would request the profession to interest themselves in legal aid to poor prisoners both in criminal and civil proceedings. He would also take this opportunity to appeal to members of the profession to interest themselves in I.N.A. prisoners who were being prosecuted in a distant country in regard to which a defence committee had been formed in this province.

JINNAH'S APPEAL TO HINDUS

Face Realities & March Jointly For Freedom Of Both

BOMBAY, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): "If the Hindus do not join us in our struggle for freedom, then the Mussalmans of this country and the Muslim League will march alone to their goal of Pakistan and freedom", declared Mr. M. A. Jinnah, president of the All-India Muslim League, in a speech here this evening.

Mr. Jinnah asked the Hindus" to face the realities" and invited them "to march jointly for the freedom of both, Hindus and Muslims". "Both the Hindus and Muslims in India are slaves under the heel of the British rulers", said Mr. Jinnah. "When we fight for Pakistan, we are fighting against the British and not against the Hindus. We have to get our freedom and establish Pakistan from the British and not from Hindus. Our struggle for Pakistan means freedom for both, Hindus and Muslims. Therefore, let us jointly march to our freedom".

Mr. Jinnah was speaking at a tea party given in his honour by the Memon Merchants' Chamber of Commerce on the occasion his 70th birthday.

"MISCHIEVOUS LIE."

Replying to the charge that "the Muslim League is a tool in the hands of British imperialism", Mr. Jinnah said that it was a downright and mischievous lie. "That is the only argument left in the hands of our enemies now" he added.

Referring to a recent speech of Mr. R. S. Shukla, former Congress Premier of the Central Provinces, who is reported to have said that the Muslims in minority provinces will be considered as foreigners and treated as foreigners, Mr. Jinnah said that it was amazing to find that Congress leaders were indulging in such reckless and irresponsible threats.

PLEA FOR TEAM WORK AMONG ALL INDUSTRIES

Visweswarayya's Call To S. India Commercial Conference

LONDON, Dec. 27. (Reuter): Stage one of the peace settlement plan proposed by the Big Three meeting will be the drafting of treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Finland and Rumania by various members of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

This work will be confined entirely to those States which actually concluded armistices with the powers concerned, though France is deemed to have concluded an armistice with Italy, says Reuter's special correspondent.

India will not be concerned at this stage.

Actually, formal approval of China and France to this arrangement is still awaited.

India will be affected when Stage Two is reached—that is when the Foreign Ministers' Council convokes a conference to consider the drafts of peace treaties by then prepared.

It is to this conference, to meet not later than May 1, 1946, that India and other countries who played a substantial part in the war in Europe will be invited.

Stage Three of the peace settlement will be reached when, after considering the recommendations of this conference, the countries who signed the armistice with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland will draw up the final texts of the respective peace treaties.

India will come into the picture again when Stage Four of the procedure is reached. In this ultimate stage, the final texts of the respective peace treaties will be signed by India and other States which were actively at war in Europe and will then be submitted to other members of the United Nations who were formal belligerents.

Azad And Nehru Appeal For Votes To Punjab P.C.C. Chief

LAHORE, Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru have asked the voters of Non-Union Labour Constituency to support the candidature of Maulana Daud Ghaznavi, President, Punjab Provincial Congress Committee, who is contesting this seat on behalf of the Congress, according to telegraphic messages received from them today by Maulana Daud Ghaznavi.

Maulana Azad says: "Maulana Daud Ghaznavi is contesting the Punjab Non-Union Labour Seat on behalf of the Congress. I trust every voter will vote in his favour.

Pandit Nehru says: "Maulana Daud Ghaznavi is contesting the Punjab Non-Union Labour Seat on Congress Ticket. I trust voters will support his candidature and thus give their votes for India's independence and emancipation of our workers."

TETE-A-TETE

Without Comment

"We realised rather late in the day, that we were being exploited not for the promotion of the interests of the masses but we were being literally dragged under heels with the object of perpetuating the hold of Muslim feudallords and confirmed favourites of British bureaucracy, for whose benefit alone, as it appeared, we were made to get rid of Hindu vested interests. It is a case of leaping from the frying pan into the fire.

—G. M. SYED.

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BATAVIA, Dec. 26, (U.P.A.): British Empire troops killed more than 20 Indonesians in a surprise attack on Indonesian positions at the Mission School in Bandoeng on Christmas day.

Peace on earth and goodwill to all men! R. I. P.

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An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow reports that "Pravda" and "Izvestia" have reverted to their prewar size.

Evidently a premilinary step to postwar expansion.

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It is reported that full civil Government will be restored in Burma by the end of March 1946. It is of course utterly premature to speculate when a full Burmese National Government will be set up!

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Despite the Junior Colleague's eagerness to believe it, there is no truth in the suggestion that Mr. G. M. Syed's statement is in the nature of one of the innumerable and variegated birthday offerings to the Quid-e-Azam.

As a matter of fact the statement was issued a day or so later.

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According to Begam Shah Nawaz—eh, what? Surely she doesn't need an introduction, does she? ..."Muslim women.....are more impatient for Pakistan than men".

Every woman is more impatient for imaginary moons than man. But even at the risk of displeasing the -er-impatient lady we beg to submit that there is little difference between the League man and the League woman.

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"No other democratic party (sic) in the history of the world has achieved such a success as the League has achieved in the recent elections" —Prince Liaquat Ali Khan.

Why does he mix up the two?

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Criticising Jawaharlal the Prince declared "you cannot get freedom by dubbing League leaders as toadies".

We personally are always glad to pay better worded compliments to the League leaders.

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Tale Of The Day

As a theatre a man fell asleep while the curtain-raiser was being played. When the main play came on his daughter nudged him and whispered, "Charley's Aunt."

"Bless me, so it is"! cried the man, as he rose and shook hands vigorously with a demure old lady who happened to be passing in front of him.."How do you do, madam? and how is Charley?"

INDUSTRIES AND CIVIL SUPPLIES

Controller-General's Organisation To Close Down

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.) The organization of the Controller-General of Civil Supplies at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Lahore and Karachi will close down on the 31st December 1945, says a press note.

After that date, all communications relating to matters arising out of the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance which would have been addressed to that Organization should be addressed to the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, New Delhi.

Responsibility for enforcement of the provision of the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance and the Consumer Goods (Control of Distribution) Order is now entirely matter for provincial Governments and all complaints by the public concerning breaches of the Ordinance and the Order should be addressed to the Civil Supplies Department of the Provincial Government within whose area of jurisdiction the cause of complaint has arisen.

In order to assist the Central Government in discharging the additional work devolving on them due to the closure of the organization of the Controller General of Civil Supplies, a small nucleus staff under an officer called Liaison officer (Consumer Goods) will be retained for a short period from 1st January 1946 at each of the port of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Karachi. They will be situated in the regional offices of the Controller-General of Civil Supplies at the above Ports.

Sapru Committee Stand For Union Of India

Pakistan Solves No Problems

Self-Determination Not An Absolute Right

Plea For Joint Electorates With Reservation Of Seats

BOMBAY, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): "The Committee stands for a single Union of India including the whole of British India and all the Indian States; the claim for secession or non-accession by which individual provinces or States can keep out of the Union is not accepted."

Thus says the Sapru Committee in its final report on constitutional proposals.

This report which was compiled by the Rt. Hon. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the Rt. Hon. M. R. Jayakar, the Hon. Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar and Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad, has now been released to the Press.

Embodying his principle in its proposals, the Committee recommends that the Constitution-making body to be appointed after the elections should proceed on the basis of framing a Constitution for a single State, and urges that the right of secession or non-accession given to individual state or provinces in the Cripps proposals should be withdrawn.

The Committee maintains that throughout it has endeavoured to make a constructive approach to the many knotty problems that confront the country to investigate them from every angle, to appraise, as dispassionately as they could, every fact, circumstance or conceivable argument, and to reach conclusions which in their estimation were calculated to promote lasting interests of India, and were likely to elicit the approbation of thinking Indians.

ADOPT DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION

The report says: "It is the committee's firm conviction that the future of India lies in adopting a democratic constitution. Ultimate sovereign in a democracy is the electorate which chooses those who are to represent it in the Legislature and Executive. Adult franchise is, therefore, recommended. Under the existing conditions it is excusable to give religious communities the right to a fair and adequate share of opportunities for service in the legislature and executive, but the aspirants for these opportunities should realise that they hold them in trust for the nation as a whole, and should for that reason seek the support of all communities.

NO COMMUNAL ELECTORATES

The Committee has recommended that separate communal electorates should disappear and should be replaced by joint general electorates with reservation of seats.

In the opinion of the Committee Parliamentary Government is not unsuited to india, and can be worked even with communally composed legislature and executive. One of the cardinal features of the Constitutional Proposals made by the Committee is the provision of ample and effective safeguards for minorities.

JOINT ELECTORATES URGED

Emphasising the importance of joint electorates, the Committee says: "No Government which is not merely in power but accepts active responsibility for eight decisions, can legitimately flinch from the task of righting a manifestly wrong decision (taken 40 years ago, accepting separate electorate for Muslims) which has been so mischievous in its effects. We hope the present Labour Government in Britain with its high democratic ideals and the enormous voting strength behind it, will not lack the courage to get this decision reversed with the support of Parliament. We have no doubt that such reversal would be to the lasting benefit of the Muslims themselves."

"It is because the Committee attaches great importance to the abolition of separate electorates that it considers parity of representation in the Central Legislative Assembly between Muslims and Hindus, other than Scheduled Castes, not too great a price to pay, Hindu objections to this proposal are strong, because it means on a population basis one Muslim will be regarded as equal to two Hindus, other than Scheduled Castes; also, the fear that the British Government may accept the parity concession without implementing the important proviso that joint electorates must be introduced is not unfounded in the light of past history. Each special concession has in the past been made the starting point for fresh demands.

IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNAL HARMONY

But in the interests of communal harmony, which abolition of separate electorates will bring about, the Committee has ventured on this proposal; but it insists that in its recommendation on parity the conditions and limitations, it has laid down are equally important. Parity, however, is confined to the lower house of the Union Legislature and the Union executive which are the final organs for determining all-India policy; and it is important that such policy should have the substantial backing of the bulk of Hindus and Muslims. The same considerations do not apply to the provincial legislatures or executives, or to the services or to other fields of administration.

BOMBAY, Dec. 27: Joint electorates, with reservation of seats, are admittedly a far cry from Democracy, but they are a necessary half-way house between separate electorates and general electorates without any limitation even as to candidature.

"The committee considers that it will be unjust and improper to extend the concession of parity to the Services Civil or Military. Government services like any other service, must be based upon individual merit and fitness. Neither does the committee think that the Muslims are educationally backward as they were 30 or 40 years back.

As regards other communities, the present proportions are considered fair, but they may be revised by future governments so as to provide adequate representation for backward communities.

The committee also expresses the view that it will be dangerous to extend the principle of parity to the defence services."

NOT A SEPARATE NATION

Maintaining that the Muslims are not a separate nation, the Committee in the chapter on Pakistan or partition of India says that the separate Nationhood of Muslims cannot be established on grounds of race, language or culture. If religion alone will have to be the basis of division, then many other communities can also claim separate nationhood, declaring that self-determination is not absolute right and can only be applied with due regard to circumstances, the Committee examines the practicabilities of Pakistan in the context of Indian conditions and in the light of Indian opinion. It says "the position is that the scheme of Pakistan put forward by Mr. Jinnah is not acceptable either to the Hindus of the Punjab and Bengal or to the Sikhs or to the Congress or to the Hindu Mahasabha. The "C. R." formula has been totally rejected by Mr. Jinnah and has been opposed by the Hindus and Sikhs of the Punjab and Hindus of Bengal.

"It is thus clear that Pakistan, whether whole, according to Mr. Jinnah's ideas, or truncated according to C. R. Formula, cannot be established without the consent of parties and will meet with strongest opposition. Arbitration has been ruled out and is out of place when the fate of the entire country is to be decided. The only alternatives for enforcing Pakistan are either British enforcement of it or civil war."

After considering the problems of Defence of the sub-continent and the position of minorities after division, the report states the Committee's conclusion that Pakistan "solves no communal problems and only raises fresh ones; that on grounds of Defence, leaving apart other major considerations, the division of the country into two independent states will endanger the safety of both, and that there is no justification for the British Government to support such a revolutionary scheme if they have genuine faith in the unity of India which they themselves have built up and fostered."

"FANTASTIC"

The report characterises Coupland's regional scheme as "fantastic, unreal and academic."

Rejecting all schemes of partition and division, the Committee concludes: "We are convinced that the partition of India would be an outrage justified neither by history nor by political expediency. It is incompatible with the greatness, safety and economic development of the country and will lead either to constant internecine war or perpetual foreign domination. It multiplies and complicates the problem of minorities without solving it and threatens to plunge India back into the dark and dismal days of the 18th century."

The committee, feels certain that political unity can be maintained and Hindus and Muslims can live together amicably as they have done for a thousand years.

The report proceeds to consider the arrangements to be made by which India will remain united and at the same time afford the communities sufficient scope for self-development. One of the Committee's fundamental recommendations in this regard is the provision by which in the Union Assembly, excluding the seats given to special interests, Muslim representation from British India will be on a par with the representation given to Hindus excluding the Scheduled Castes. The offer of parity is subject to the condition that joint electorates with reservation of seats are introduced throughout i.e., for all elective bodies in the country and the Committee adds that, should the Muslims not agree to this condition and insist on separate electorates, not only should the offer stand withdrawn but the Hindus should be free to ask for a revision of the Communal Award.

ADULT FRANCHISE

Another important recommendation is the provision for Adult Franchise. If political power is to be transferred to an Indian democracy, so as to prevent its concentration in the hands of a few, the risks of enfranchising the entire adult population should be taken. Political consciousness among the masses has awakened to a great extent and the last elections in 1937 were in themselves a great educative force. The average man thinks more and more in terms of politics and, if his judgment is faulty, he is no better or no worse than the average voter in Europe where adult franchise has been in existence for some time

Before Pakistan came to occupy the field, Muslim opinion generally seemed to demand that the residuary powers should be lodged with the provinces in order that the latter might have the fullest freedom to legislate in matters which were not covered expressly by the provisions enumerating the distribution of powers. Though the case for a strong Centre is strong, the Committee, as a matter of compromise and for the sake of peace and amity, recommend the vesting of the residuary powers in the provinces, in accordance with the Muslim view. Mr. P. R. Das and some other members disagree with this recommendation.

While the subjects allotted to the Centre are reduced to a minimum, it is provided that the Centre shall have powers to coordinate legislation and administration of different units when necessary as well as to ensure the maintenance of the political integrity and economic unity of India as a whole.

The Committee recommends that the constitution should provide for representation of different communities in the Central Executive on the basis of their strength in the legislature. The Cabinet will be a composite one only in the sense that communities will be represented on it but in the interests of harmonious working "the Prime Minister's choice of his colleagues is not to be fettered." The committee looks forward to the choice of members to whatever community they may belong on the basis of their political affiliations. The substitution of joint or separate electorates should, by compelling candidates to seek support from all communities, help emergence of political parties, each of which will contain members of different communities.

COMPOSITE GOVERNMENT

It is on these considerations that "Composite" instead of "Coalition" Governments have been envisaged. It is also provided that there should be collective responsibility to the Legislature. The committee prefers the British model namely that the Prime Minister should choose his colleagues, though a suggestion had been made that the Swiss model under which the Central Legislature in joint session by single transferable vote elects the Cabinet and the ministers hold office for the duration of the life of the legislature was made.

STATES & FEDERATION

Dealing with the Indian states, the Committee says that provision should be made in the constitution for the accession from time to time of Indian states as units of a federation on such terms as may be agreed upon but the establishment of the Indian Union should not be contingent on the accession to the federation of any Indian State or of any minimum number of Indian States.

The Committee, therefore, contemplates that the Union need not be identical with Federation and it may include states which have not formally federated.

The committee says, "our recommendation is that the new constitution should continue at least the unity that now binds the States and British India, though the bond may not be Federal. Federation, we recognise, is a closer and a more intimate and efficient bond and we earnestly hope that, in due course and after the fullest consultation and investigation, all the states—a few individually but the great majority organised in groups and sub-federations—will have acceded as federated units of the Union. The inherent difficulties of bringing about such a happy consummation and the experience of the negotiations which Lord Linlithgow inaugurated and conducted between 1936 and 1939 do not encourage the hope that these consultations and investigation can be successfully concluded except with the exercise of infinite patience and after lapse of several years. To hang up the Federal Union of such units as are willing to federate until some states, or a minimum number of states, or the last hesitant state has agreed to accede would be a policy which is calculated to postpone indefinitely the elimination of foreign rule and the achievement of full self-Government.

PLEA FOR INDIAN OF INDIA

The committee, therefore insisted that the Union of India should be established without any such waiting and that, while individual states might take their own time to make up their minds as to whether they would accede as federated units, all of them should, from the outset, be treated as in the Union, united with each other and with the rest of India through paramountcy at the Union Centre."

PARAMOUNTCY

As regards Paramountcy the report says "British suzerainty which is the mainspring of Paramountcy jurisdiction today will have to cease to exist and New Union Centre I.E. the Federal cabinet, will come to exercise that jurisdiction over the unfederated states. The committee hopes that the rulers of States will not object to this inevitable development.

The committee is also of the view that the Crown representative as separate office should disappear and Paramountcy jurisdiction now exercised by him should be transferred to the Union Cabinet. It is suggested that a minister of the Union Cabinet should be in charge of state affairs assisted by a reformed political department. The Minister should also have a body of Indian states advisers to help him in administering Paramountcy jurisdiction over the unfederated states.

"HEAD OF THE STATE"

On the question of "Head of the State" the Committee says "all parties are agreed that the constitution should be based on Indian Independence and therefore in law and in fact the Indefeasible Sovereignty of the people of India from whom alone all powers of Legislation and Administration should be derived, should be recognised. No foreign power should be allowed to exercise any jurisdiction over the Indian Union and therefore the existing practice by which all Residuary Powers are exercised by the United Kingdom Parliament on the theory "the Indestructible sovereignty of the King in Parliament over the land throughout the King's dominions" will not be acceptable to any school of Indian Political opinion.

The head of the state under the new constitution should replace the present chief executive with his dual role as Viceroy and Crown representative. He will have such powers as are given to him under the constitution as also such other powers are now vested in his Majesty the King including powers connected with the exercise of the functions of the Crown in relation to Indian States. The head of the State cannot act arbitrarily but only on the advice of the ministry. His term of office may be for five years and ordinarily one person may not hold it for more than one term.

SCHEDULED CASTES

Dealing with the right of Scheduled castes and other minorities, the committee has provided that these communities will in future, be accorded by Statute a place on the executive and will share responsibilities of administration. They will have adequate voice in framing the constitution with safeguards against hasty changes. They will have likewise the benefit of fundamental Right with power to have more important ones enforced by the highest tribunal in the country. The minorities commission will keep a jealous watch over their welfare and will obtain relief when they are injured, the committee hopes that with their rights ensured and protected. The minorities will not lose sight of their obligations to the sub-sections which exist in their midst.

As regards the Scheduled Castes, the Committee recommends the continuation of the method of election prescribed in the Poona Pact.

NATIONAL ARMY

Dealing with the question of Indianisation of armed forces the Committee says "under any system of real self—Government, these must be in charge of a member of a responsible ministry. The disciplinary head of the armed forces, the commander-in-chief, has to work under orders of the Ministry and on the dominion analogy, the supreme command of the armed forces has to be vested in the Head of The State and Indian Statute Law will make provision for the Government of the armed forces, the application of the British Army Act and any other enactment of a similar nature to the Indian Army being done away with.

The Committee lays great stress on the creation and rapid development of a National Army.

Dealing with the question of secession, the Committee takes strong exception to the provision contained in the Cripps Offer in regard to secession. In the opinion of the Committee, such a provision amounts to recognition of a right to revolt from and repudiation of the constitution. It is, in essence an extra-constitutional act and commonsense is against the constitution recognising it as legal right to be unilaterally exercised at the option of the unit.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

In the opinion of the Committee the constitution making body should proceed on the basis of framing a constitution for a single state. As a safeguard for minorities, it is provided no decision of the constitution making body will be valid, unless it is supported by three-fourths of the members present and voting. Valid decisions of the Constituent Assembly must be binding on the British Government. The Committee says that a stage has been reached when the British Government can no longer evade responsibility Therefore they should not allow things to drift and the situation to deteriorate.

In conclusion the committee makes an earnest appeal to all communities and parties in the country to accept the principles underlying its recommendations In the event of there being no agreement, the Committee calls upon His Majesty's Government to set up an Interim Government at the Centre and proceed to establish a suitable machinery for framing a new constitution substantially on the principles enunciated by it and to have it put into operation at the earliest possible date by handing over all the power now vested in them to the authorities established thereunder.

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"India's Forgotten Sculptors"
S. N. Chakravarti on the pre-Aryan Art of Indus Valley.

"From Across The Seas"
From Our London Correspondent.

"The Indian Peasant"
The living ghosts that prop the British Empire.

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News In Brief

NEW DELHI, Dec 27. (A.P.I.): Several Congress workers met Mr. Asaf Ali this evening at his residence and discussed with him matters concerning the Congress session in Delhi.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): A deputation of U. P. Sikhs, led by Sardar Santokh Singh, President All-Parties U. P. Sikh Conference, met Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai convenor U. P. Congress Election Board to-day. The deputationis's urged Mr. Kidwai to grant representation to the Sikhs.

MADRAS, Dec. 27. (O.P.I.). For the first time since the outbreak of the war, the consignment of Burma rice was unloaded at Cochin harbour yesterday, "S. S. Nurani" having touched the Cochin port with 7,040 tons of Burma rice. This shipload is intended for the distribution in the Malabar districts.

PATNA, Dec. 27. (O.P.I.): The "Orient Press" reliably learns that the relations of Captain Mahboob Ahmad, the Military Secretary to late Mr. Subash Chandra Bose have declined the courteous offer of Babu Rajendra Prasad, President, Bihar Provincial Congress Committee's ticket for a Muslim seat to Tuhar Assembly.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): About 350 members of the Rani of Jhanshi Regiment of the I.N.A. have been brought to India and are under custody in a camp near Barrackpore, according to reports circulating in Calcutta to-day. No confirmation is, however, available.

CAWNPORE, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): It is learned that 176 workers of a local woollen mill have resigned from membership of the Communist Party of India and have joined the Indian National Congress. They have intimated their decision to the local Congress Committee.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry will meet at 11-30 a.m. Bengal time (i.e. 10-30 I.S.T.) on December 29 at the Office of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, under the chairmanship of Sir Badridas Goenka.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): Capt. P. S. Raturi, who is being interrogated in the Red Fort will, it is learnt, be shortly undergoing a nasal operation.

MORADABAD, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): "Pakistan is the only solution of communal differences in India and the Muslim League is the only representative organisation of Indian Muslims," observed Begum Aizaz Rasool, addressing a crowded Zenana Muslim League meeting.

LONDON, Dec. 27. (Reuter): According to Reuter's correspondent in Washington the United States expect that formal Franco-American financial negotiations will be opened shortly.

Further Adjournment Of Capt. Burhanuddin's Trial

SEQUEL TO HABEAS CORPUS PETITION IN LAHORE HIGH COURT

RED FORT (DELHI), Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—When the I.N.A. Court Martial, presided over by Brigadier Cariappa, trying Captain Burhanuddin reopened at the Red Fort today after the three weeks' adjournment, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Defence Counsel, sought further adjournment till the Lahore High Court had disposed of 'Habeas Corpus' petition filed on behalf of the accused. Mr. Desai also sought adjournment on the ground of non-availability of twenty of the witnesses called for by defence.

"MIGHT PREJUDICE ACCUSED."

Mr. Desai said that the Habeas Corpus petition was submitted before Mr. Justice Munir of the Lahore High Court on December 21. The High Court issued a writ that the application should be heard on January fourteen and also issued notice to the President of the Court Martial to show cause on January two why proceedings before the Court Martial should not be stayed pending the High Court's decision on the Habeas Corpus petition.

Mr. Desai submitted that since the question raised before the Lahore High Court related to the very jurisdiction and legality of the trial, it should be just and expedient if the Court Martial stayed further proceedings till the Habeas Corpus petition was disposed by the High Court. Having regard to the lapse of time since the alleged offences occurred, and the short interval of time now intervening for the hearing of the question of interim stay on January 2, there is reasonable ground for the prosecution to press the matter at this stage, which acceded to, might ultimately prejudice the accused and the whole of the proceedings involving expenses of time and energy might prove to be in vain, if the ultimate decision of the High Court is in favour of the accused.

Mr. Desai said that on account of the Christmas Vacation, January 2 was the earliest date which the High Court could fix to call upon the Court Martial to show cause why its proceedings should not be stayed.

In these circumstances, it would be very great daring on the part of any counsel to say, 'It does not matter what the High Court does on January 2, there is no injunction now, and therefore the trial should continue'.

Before adjourning the court heard Mr. Cordon Noad, counsel for Prosecution, who argued that the order of the Sub-Judge, Delhi, granting a temporary injunction was ultra vires and illegal.

Mr B B Tawakley, counsel for the Defence intervening said that the defence will not participate in the proceedings of the Court Martial out of respect to the order of the Sub-Judge. He asked whether the Court Martial was sitting in judgment over an order issued by the civil court

Mr. Noad submitted that while Sub-Judge's order was 'ultra vires' he did not wish the Court to be discourteous to the Sub-Judge. Right or wrong the Court Martial should have respect for the courts of the land.

The court retired for a few minutes and then announced the adjournment 'sine die.'

PROSECUTION REPLY.

Mr. Cardon Noad, counsel for Prosecution, replying to Mr. Desai, said, "of course we cannot challenge the jurisdiction of the Lahore High Court to entertain an application under Section 491 of the I.P.C. (Habeas Corpus). A portion of this section says any High Court may, whenever it thinks fit, direct that a prisoner detained as foresaid be brought before the Court Martial for trial'. The High Court was well aware, on the face of the petition made, that the accused was being tried before this Court Martial. If he was not, the High Court had jurisdiction to send for him".

Mr. Noad said that it was open to the counsel who filed the Habeas Petition in the Lahore High Court to request the High Court to stay the proceedings of the Court Martial and the High Court in a proper case would have done so, but 'the High Court has allowed matters to remain as they are, and I submit that this court is not in any way either bound or under obligation to what counsel for Defence calls 'its own dignity' under obligation to stay the proceedings.

Mr. Noad submitted that no adjournment was called for either in the interests of justice or the practicability of continuance of trial. By proceeding with the trial nothing finally would or could be done in the period between to-day and January two or even 14, and it was for the Court to decide whether that time should be wasted.

Mr. Noad said that the vast majority of Defence witnesses had been made available. If, however, Defence wanted to recall any prosecution witnesses as a result of interviewing the remaining witnesses, the court could recall them.

After Mr. Desai's reply, the Judge-Advocate, Major Ruse, summed up.

On the defence plea for adjournment on account of non-availability of certain witnesses, Major Ruse advised the Court to hold that it did not appear that the accused would be prejudiced in his defence by the fact that the remaining witnesses had not been interviewed. Out of 75 witnesses, 54 had already been interviewed by Defence.

As regards the plea for adjournment on the ground that the Habeas Corpus petition was pending decision in the Lahore High Court, Major Ruse said: 'You have been asked to bear in mind considerations of dignity and various other aspects I suggest to you firmly that the dignity of this court, as far as you are concerned, means and implies that you will look to the ends of justice. I will go further and say that since the High Court has not seen fit to issue an order that these proceedings be stayed immediately, you can, with propriety, go on, should you see fit to do so. Finally the paramount consideration which should determine your decision on this issue is, will injustice be done to the accused by not granting the adjournment"

The court adjourned to consider the Defence pleas.

Reassembling after lunch, the President, Brig. Cariappa, announced that in the interests of justice, an adjournment was desirable till January 4. The court accordingly adjourned till January 4.

THIRD I. N. A. TRIAL ADJOURNED 'SINE DIE'

RED FORT, DELHI, Dec 27, (API): The third INA Court Martial trying Subedar Singhara Singh and Jemadar Fateh Khan adjourned today 'sine die' in view of the notice served upon the members of the Court by the Sub-Judge, First Class Delhi to stay proceedings.

The court announced that it will reassemble as soon as possible and as soon as the matter is decided by the civil court.

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Br.-Trade Commissioner In India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—Mr. G. T. Dow Smith, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner at Calcutta, has been appointed H. M. Trade Commissioner at Delhi.

Asaf Ali Flies To Delhi

BOMBAY, Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Asaf Ali, member of the Congress Working Committee, who arrived in Bombay on December 25 from Madras left this morning for Delhi by air.

New Drugs Control Order

The Drugs Control Order 1945, which has just been issued, is a new edition with a few mainly verbal alterations of the Drugs Control Order, 1943 It prescribes certain maximum wholesale and retail prices and lays down a licensing procedure which all importers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of drugs must observe. It also prohibits hoarding and unreasonable refusal to sell.

You, therefore, still have legal protection against profiteering in drugs, though as supplies improve the number of controlled drugs is being reduced.

***Remember*—Government provides every licensed retailer with the latest price schedule for display in his shop. Consult it when you are in doubt about prices**

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SHOW WORLD

Michael O'Shea and Sonja Henie in "It's A Pleasure"

Louise Allbritton and Franchot Tone in "That Night With You"

SKATING PICTURE

At

The New Empire

"IT'S A PLEASURE" (R.K.O. Radio).
Stars: Sonja Henie, Michael O'Shea.

The romance of an exhibition skater and a hockey champion provides the background for this Sonja Henie vehicle. The romance, however, does not run smoothly—in the right manner of all movie romances. The two marry, but their happiness is wrecked by the wife of Buzz Fletcher, the owner of the ice show in which they are troupers. They part for a while, but are, eventually, brought together in a reunion that forms the climax of the story.

The skating talent of Sonja Henie is given full scope in the film. In the finale, she is shown doing a "samba" on ice to the tune of a song called "Tico Tico" which is warbled by a chorus of male and female skaters—a somewhat spectacular number. All the skating turns have been deftly woven into the story so as not to appear to be intruding in any way.

Michael O'Shea is rugged and manly as Sonja's hockey-playing husband.

Bill Johnson, Gus Schilling, Iris Adrian and Marie McDonald are to be found in the supporting cast.

This picture carries special appeal for lovers of skating and Sonja Henie fans.

Music, Song And Mirth

At

The Eros

"THAT NIGHT WITH YOU."
Stars: Susanna Foster, David Bruce, Franchot Tone.

A stage-aspirant's day-dreams and the ruse she adopts to bring them to fulfilment. form the basis of this highly diverting comedy.

Susanna Foster plays the part of an attendant in "Johnny's Cafe". The possessor of a glorious voice, she dreams of becoming a singing star in the variety shows of a famous producer. To achieve her ambition, she masquerades as the daughter of his divorced wife, and is aided in her scheme by the latter who is working for her own ends. While this stage-struck girl dreams of footlights and fame, Johnny, the owner of the cafe, dreams of marrying her and building up a home life....

The producer's secretary, prompted by her love for him now takes a hand in matter. The ex-wife is exposed, the singer sheds her assumed role and young Johnny's dream of a home comes true.

Humour enlivens this plot, romance brings warmth to it and music brightens it. Susanna Foster's voice is as much a joy to hear as ever before. It is, however, a pity that she has been given merely light numbers to sing—"Shadows", "Lullaby", "Market Place." Hers is a voice that could do justice to more serious stuff. David Bruce makes a handsome Johnny, while Franchot Tone and Louise Allbritton, in the parts of the producer and his love-lorn secretary, are more than adequate.

This picture is delightful light entertainment.

SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

REGAL—10 a.m. "The Girls He Left Behind"—Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda.
EROS—10 a.m. "White Savage"—Maria Montez, Jon Hall.
AURORA—10-30 a.m.: "Broadway Rhythm"—George Murphy, Ginny Simms.
CAPITOL—10 a.m.: "North Of The Klondike"—Brod Crawford, Evelyn Ankers.

ALL-STAR FILM

At

The Regal

(From Monday, Dec. 31)

"DUFFY'S TAVERN" (Paramount).

32 Paramount stars are to be found on parade in this screen adaptation of the famous radio play of the same name.

Bing Crosby, Alan Ladd, Paulette Goddard, Dorothy Lamour, Arturo de Cordova, Brian Donlevy, Sonny Tufts, Veronica Lake and Betty Hutton are some of the stars you will see. In addition to these, the film will bring to the screen Archie Gardner and his gang: Charley Canter, Eddie Green and Ann Thomas.

Paramount fans will get a kick out of watching their favourites frolic through this picture.

REPEAT AND RETURN FILMS

METRO: "Thrill Of A Romance"—Van Johnson, Esther Williams and Melchior.
STRAND: "The Desert Song"—Dennis Morgan, Irene Manning.
EXCELSIOR: "One Thousand And One Nights"—Cornel Wilde.
AURORA: "A Tale Of Two Cities"—Ronald Colman, Elizabeth Allan.
PALACE: "The Affairs Of Susan"—Joan Fontaine, George Brent.

AMERICAN TRADE PROSPECTS

Expansion Of Exports Will Depend On Sterling

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (A.P.A.): The Department of Commerce said yesterday that while a continuation of the war-time Sterling area could considerably retard trade, its dissolution would not automatically result in an expansion of American exports, unless steps were taken to insure that merchants could exchange Sterling freely with other countries.

A study of the Sterling area by the Department pointed out that the United States had a direct interest in the restoration of conditions which will permit a free flow of exports to countries in the Sterling area. Even before the war exports to Sterling countries from the United States represented as much as 24 per cent of the total American exports.

The study revealed that Sterling area transactions with other countries exert an important direct influence on United States trade.

According to the department's study, the future of the Sterling system depends upon the Sterling itself. Where the Sterling itself becomes inconvertible, or convertible only with great difficulty, there would almost certainly be "restrictiveness" and some form of "discriminatory treatment".

BRITAIN HAS NO RIGHT TO MORTGAGE INDIA

KARACHI, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): The Anglo-American financial agreement with reference to the liquidation of Sterling balances was strongly criticised by Mr. M. A. Master, President of the Indian Merchants Chamber, Bombay, in an interview to the "Associated Press of India" today.

Mr. Master said that Britain had no right to mortgage away the economic and industrial future of India for fulfilling the obligations imposed on her by the acceptance of the American loan. He pointed out that America had called upon Britain to reduce Sterling balances in two special ways. Even the balances left after such reductions were to be released by instalments over a period of years beginning only with 1951.

Mr. Master said that this would mean India would receive nothing out of this huge balance at a time when she required them most for her own industrial development.

Mr. Master condemned the fact that India was not consulted during the Washington talks while Dominions were, it was admitted, kept informed of their progress.

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POSTAL EMPLOYEES TO LAUNCH STRIKE

Decide Also To Wear Badges With Slogan If Grievances Are Not Mitigated

MYMENSINGH, Dec. 27 (U.P.I.): A decision to wear badges with the slogan "Hungry Postal Employees" inscribed, was taken by the All-India Postal and R.M.S. conference at its 20th session at Mymensingh held on December 25 and 26 under the presidency of Mr. D. K. Lahiry Choudhury, M.L.A., (Central).

The resolution stands that unless the Government revised the scales of pay demanded at the last year's conference at Bombay by February 15, 1946, the employees will bear badges and decided to launch a strike. Meanwhile, the Conference appointed a council of action with a view to pooling all resources.

In the course of his presidential speech, Mr. Lahiri Choudhury said that the public had full sympathy for the Posts and Telegraph employees and the Congress in their power would surely consider their grievances sympathetically. He referred to the meagre wages given to thousands of employees and felt that their cause was just.

Continuing Mr. Lahiry Choudhury said that the root of all evils lay in the foreign domination and unless the "Quit India" demand was implemented people were bound to continue to suffer.

On December 24 the Bengal and Assam Provincial Postal and R. M. S. Conference was held under the presidency of Maharaja Kumar Sudhansu Kanta Acharya, Chairman of the Mymensingh Municipality. About 1,000 postal and R. M. S. employees from all over India attended the Conference.

Mr. D. K. Lahiry Choudhury, M. L. A., (Central) was elected President of the All-India Body and Mr. A. K. Chanda, Bar-at-Law, M.L.A., as the President of the Provincial Branch of the Bengal and Assam Conference.

GEN. SECRETARIES TO MEET

MYMENSINGH, Dec. 27 (U.P.I.): General Secretaries of different Posts and Telegraph Unions will, it is learnt, meet at Calcutta to consider ways and means to present the united front, 'vis-a-vis' their demands for revision of pay scales.

Mr. B. S. Kamble, General Secretary of the Union of Posts and Telegraphs and R.M.S. India—new name of the All-India Postal and R.M.S. Union—has issued the following statement: "The consistent indifference of the Government to grant moderate demands of the postal workers has driven them to desperation and determination to wear badges "Hungry Postal Workers" as an expression of it. The rejection of just demand of workers show that the highly paid authorities cannot appreciate the sufferings of the low paid staff. All the workers have been smarting under the great injustice done to them. They bore all the sufferings cheerfully to stand by the Government at their hour of peril, but Victory rewards have been given to them by turning down their minimum demands. The grave situation has become intolerable and representations made from time to time having failed, the workers have been constrained to think of nothing but their last resort of strike. The Union is perfectly aware of the inconvenience that will be caused to the members of the public as ours is a public utility department. The responsibility is however not ours. Twenty-five years of existence of the Union did not bring about any tangible improvement in lot of low paid staff of the Post and Telegraph Department. The abnormal rise in the cost of living during the war let out adequate allowance to neutralise the high cost of living but it proved to be straw on camel's back. Unless the Government takes immediate steps to revise the scales of pay the situation cannot be eased. The Union expects the members of the public to stand by the Postal workers with the motto "Service Before Self" before them.

BUS STRIKERS START PICKETING

AGRA, Dec. 26 (A.P.A.)—Bus Services in Agra, Muttra, Aligarh, Etawah, Etah and Furrakhabad are observing complete strike as a protest against the proposed railroad scheme, says Mr. Muhamad Ibrahim Khan, General Secretary of the U.P. Motor Operators Conference. Picketing, black flag demonstrations and other propaganda are also reported.

Model Colony For Bombay Port Trust Workers

BOMBAY, Dec. 27. (A.P.I.): The construction of a model labour colony complete with the amenities of a playground, maternity home and welfare centre has been planned by the authorities of the Bombay Port Trust for the workers under their employment.

The housing scheme of the Port Trust which is part of the all round reconstruction of the Bombay Port, is estimated to cost Rs. 27 1/2 lakhs.

The Antop Hill which at present is the venue of Port Trust labour settlement, has been chosen for a fuller development on up-to-date lines.

"Get-On-The-Roll" Campaign

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. P. R. Lele, Chairman, "Get-on-the-Roll Committee", writes:

The Small Causes Court will continue heaving the applications made by persons claiming to be enrolled as members of the Bombay Legislative Assembly or Council

Those, who were called but could not go to the Court on the first three days or today, should go on one of the two days, 28th and 29th Dec.

National Table-Tennis Championships

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

There was no improvement in the state of affairs that prevailed on Wednesday evening in the All-India Table-Tennis Championships. The only tie in the Inter-Provincial Championships to be decided was that between Bombay and Delhi which the former won by 5-1 All the three matches in the National Championships were decided by walk-overs.

The following were the results:—

Inter-Provincial Championship

Bombay beat Delhi by 5 matches to 1

U. M. Chandarana (Bombay) beat Harjan Singh 21-13; 21-13; beat Om Prakash 21-11, 21-17; K. H. Kapadia (Bombay) beat Om Prakash 21-15, 21-9, beat Mohan Singh 21-8, 21-11; D. H. Kapadia (Bombay) lost to Harjan Singh 20-22, 17-21, beat Mohan Singh 21-17, 21-5.

Madras and Punjab were both scratched being unwilling to play.

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Men's Singles (Semi-finals) D. H. Kapadia (Bombay) w.o. V. Sivaraman (Andhra), K. Stanley (Punjab) w.o. M.V.S. Vithal (Mysore).

FINAL OF MIXED DOUBLES

U. M. Chandarana and Miss S. Deodhar (Bombay) v. V. Sivaraman (Andhra) and Mrs. A. D'Souza (Bombay).

The following are today's matches 9-00 a.m. onwards:

Bengal vs. Bombay; Hyderabad vs. Madras; Holkar vs. Mysore; Andhra vs. Punjab;

5-45 p.m. onwards:

WOMEN'S SINGLES FINAL
Mrs. Cama vs. Miss Brodie.
MEN'S SINGLES FINAL
D. H. Kapadia vs. K. Stanley.
MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL
D. H. Kapadia and K. H. Kapadia vs. R. A. Patgaokar and C. G. Velkar.

Delhi Probables

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (A.P.I.)—The Delhi and District Cricket Association team against the N.-W.F.P. for the Ranji Trophy match commencing from tomorrow on the Willingdon Pavilion will be selected from the following thirteen playes:—

A. S. De Mello (Captain), Suraj Narain, M. M. Idris Beg, Ejas Ahmed Turab Ali, Prem Nath, Gurbax Singh, Salahuddin, J. Sen, Akhtar Hassan, Qamar Uddin, Rauf and Laxmi Narain.

WORK FOR HARIJAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

At a meeting of Congress workers held this evening at the Congress House work for the Harijan Primary Elections to be held on Jan. 3, 1946. was organised.

SHIAS TO LINE UP WITH NON-LEAGUE PARTIES

Deputation To Wait On Viceroy And Secretary Of State To Press Claims Of Community

The following resolutions were passed at the meeting of the Council of Action of the All-Parties Shia Conference held in Poona:—

(1) The Council of Action authorises its President to approach other political organizations of India to secure their co-operation for the recognition of the rights of the Shias as a separate and important minority in the future constitution of India and the Shias should work with them shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for independence of India.

(2) As a mark of protest for their not getting due share in proportion to their political importance, as well as numerical strength and to demonstrate their inadequate representation in the legislatures and other political and civic bodies and the indifference shown by the Muslim League towards them, though they are one of the two important components of the Muslim community, the Shias should abstain from exercising their right of franchise in the ensuing provincial elections and boycott the polls; the Council of Action is, however, of opinion that where a Shia candidate after filing a declaration with the President or Secretary of the Council of Action of All-Parties Shia Conference that he is in agreement with its policy or a Muslim candidate on behalf of a party, supporting the policy of the All-Parties Shia Conference, chooses to seek election for the provincial legislature from any constituency the Shias should support such candidature and vote in a body for that candidate.

DEPUTATION TO VICEROY

(3) The Council of Action should arrange for a deputation to the Viceroy and the Secretary of State with a view to secure the fulfilment of the Shia claims and demands enunciated above and their representation on the Constituent Assembly.

The Council of Action further decides to represent the Shia claims and demands before the Parliamentary Delegation visiting India with a view to explain the Shia position.

The Council of Action authorises the President to decide the personnel of the deputation to be formed under clauses 3 and 4 above.

AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE

Sepoy Namdeo Jadhao, V. C., of the 5th Maharatta Light Infantry, has been awarded Rs. 10,000 by the Goverment of Bombay in recognition of the gallant act which won him the Empire's highest award for bravery, the Victoria Cross.

He has also been given an annual assignment of Rs. 500 from the land revenue of his village of Nimaj in the Sangamner Taluka of the Ahmednagar District.

This assignment is to have retrospective effect from April 9, 1945, the date on which Sepoy Jadhao won the V. C. It will be payable to him for life and, if he should die within 30 years from the date of the award, to his heir until 30 years have been completed.

The revenue assignment will be paid direct to Sepoy Jadhao. The cash grant of Rs. 10,000 will be held in trust by the Bombay Provincial Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board.

Awards of Rs. 7,500 each have been made to Subedar Shankar Rao Gharge, of the 5th Maharatta Light Infantry, who won the Indian Distinguished Service Medal, and to Jemadar Shreenivas Raghavendrarao Kulkarni, of the Indian Army Ordnance Corps, who was awarded the Indian Order of Merit. Subedar Gharge comes from Bagni, in the Walwa Taluka of the Satara District, and Jemadar Kulkarni's address is near Kumbhar Well, Athni Belgaum District.

A similar award of Rs. 7,500 is to be divided among the two widows of Naik Vishnu Mane of the 5th Maharatta Light Infantry who was awarded the Indian Order of Merit posthumously. Naik Mane's home was at Yelavi, in the Tasgaon Taluka of the Satara District.

35 'REBELS' TO HANG

BAGHDAD, Dec. 27. (Reuter): A Court Martial to-day passed the death sentence, in their absence on Mulla Mustafa Albarazani, his brother Sheikh Ahmad Albarazani and 33 of their followers charged with rebellion against the Iraq Government.

Mulla Mustafa at the head of Kurdish tribesmen belonging mainly to the Sarazan tribe had launched a revolt in Northern Iraq last August and set up a "Kurdish Committee of Liberation".

Iraq Government troops, supported by planes, attacked and occupied the rebel stronghold in Wilbarzan a district of northern Kurdistan in October, but Mulla Mustafa, his brother and remnants of their followers fled to Persia.

After an earlier revolt in 1943 Mulla Mustafa was pardoned by the Iraq Government.

Wall Street Displays Firm Tendency With Motor Shares Leading

SHORT CROP IDEAS INDUCE EXTENSIVE BUYING IN NEW COTTON CROP MONTHS

Chicago Grains React Towards Close On Profit-Taking

NEW YORK, Dec. 26

Wall Street opened steady and Steels, Motors, rails and aircrafts led a general advance up to two dollars. Renewal of talk betwen General Motors and the Congress of international organisations was a stimulating factor and later Motors rose up to three dollars while steels, rubbers, rails metals and selected industrials also continued to advance, though to a lesser extent. Last week's sharp decline attracted buyers and year end dividend announcements encouraged a firm tendency at which the session closed.

American Telephone 189-1/2 (187-1/4), Amerex Corpn 36-1/2 (36-1/4), Anaconda Copper 45-3/4 (44-3/4), Chase National Bank 45-1/8 (44), Sinclair Oil 20-1/8 (19-5/8), Firestone Tyre 68-1/2 (68), General Electric 47-1/4 (47-1/4), General Motors 76-3/4 (73-3/4), Ingersol Rand 138 (136), International Nickel 37-5/8 (37-1/2), National City Bank 49 (48-5/8), New York Central Rail 33-1/8 (34-1/2), Secony Vacuum Corpn 17-5/8 (17-3/8), Texas Corpn 61-1/4 (60-1/4), Union Carbon 100-1/4 (100), U. S. Smelting 73-1/8 (71-1/4), U. S. Steel Corpn 81-1/2 (81), Western Union Telegraph 53-3/8 (52-3/4).

RISE IN PRICES

New York Cotton market opened steady after the lengthy weekend. The opening gains were extended during early morning trading under the leadership of new crops with commission house buying finding contracts scarce. The trade and mills bought old crops with continued emphasis being placed on short crop ideas, tightness of desirable grades and large present and potential textile and export demands. Firmness of securities was also a contributing factor in the advance. The market at noon stood steady. Latterly steady buying of new crops was a feature which in some quarters was attributed to the growing belief that there will be no major changes in the 1946 cotton programme. Realising later checked the upward tendency and the session closed steady.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

Chicago grains improved under the leadership of rye with offerings generally light in the face of increased demand for food grains and wheat while the latter was also aided by a sharp decrease in visible supplies. Profit taking towards the close caused a slight reaction.

May 1.80_1/2 to 1.80_1/2 (1.80-1/2 bid).

July 1.79-1/8 to 1.79-1/8 (1.78-3/8 to 1.78-3/8).

September 1.75-1/2 to 1.75-1/2 (1.75-1/2 bid)

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 26

January	24.52+07
March	24.67+02
May	24.65+07
July	24.45+06
October	23.65+24
December	23.55+24
January	23.48+20
Middling Spot	25.26+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	24.67+02
May	24.65+04
July	24.48+09
October	23.65+17
December	23.55+17
Middling Spot	24.40+05

SHARE BAZAR

Bombay, Dec. 27

The Share Bazar was officially closed to-day and is re-opening on the 2nd January. The market feeling was stable to-day with nominal quotations. Tata Steel Defds Rs. 2680. Bombay Dyeings Rs. 2210 and Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 53/8 to Rs. 54.

TRADING HOURS IN COTTON MARKET

The local cotton market will remain open from 12-30 p.m. to 1-30 p.m. on Friday the 28th inst.

BOMBAY COTTON

The local cotton market opened today at Rs. 425/8 for January delivery and improved to Rs. 427/8 under moderate covering while March was quoted at Rs. 439/8. It appears that while the main trend of raw cotton prices remains upward, the market is influenced by approaching tenders against January contracts and the open interest in the maturing contract is being reduced and the market is having two-sided movement. It is generally believed that old Combodia will not be readily absorbed against January contract and Bears anticipate liquidation of long interest before the first tender day. This adjustment of open speculative interest is likely to result in rapid ups and downs but in view of strong fundamental situation of cotton, purchases on all declines are advisable. The market steadily improved to Rs 428/12 when the demand was satisfied and under somewhat increased liquidation January reacted at Rs 427/12.

Later on the market steadily improved to Rs. 429 under increased buying. To-day there were unfounded reports of frost in some districts. The market steadied at Rs. 428/8. Towards the close there was some liquidation and January declined to Rs. 427. The market finally closed as 5.30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. January	.....	427	4 0
I.C.C. March	.....	439	0 0
I.C.C. May	.....	448	0 0

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton January Contract is 814 cent points under New York January at Exchange rate 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 22

I C C Jan. Highest 430 Lowest 424-1/2 Closing at 2 p m 429-1/2

I C C March Highest 442 Lowest 438-1/2 Closing at 2 pm 441-1/2

I C C May Highest 452 Lowest 449 Closing at 2 p m 450-1/2

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

I C C Jan. Highest 433-1/2 Lowest 429 Closing at 2 p m 431-1/4

I C C March Highest 445-1/2 Lowest 441 Closing at 2 p m 443-1/2

I C C May Highest 455 Lowest 451 Closing at 2 p m 452-1/2

BOMBAY, Dec 26

I C C Jan. Highest 428-1/2 Lowest 424-1/2 Closing at 5-30 p m 425

I C C March Highest 440-1/2 Lowest 436-1/2 Closing at 5-30 p m 436-3/4

I C C May Higest 449-1/2 Lowest 445-1/2 Closing at 5-30 p m 445-3/4

GOLD & SILVER

The Bullion market was quietly steady with a moderate business passing. Absence of professional support is telling on the price structure. Forward gold opened at Rs. 81/4 and advanced to Rs. 81/12 under scattered buying and short covering but again declined to Rs. 81/4 on renewed long liquidation. Forward silver opened at Rs. 133/12 and ruled quiet at Rs. 133/8. The market looks like grinding awaiting fresh incentives.

There was a steady flow of selling which weakened forward Gold at Rs. 80/14 and forward Silver at Rs. 133/1. The market finally closed as under:—

	Rs. as p.
Ready Gold	80 15 0
Forward Gold	80 12 0
Sovereigns	58 0 0
Redy Silver	133 0 0
Forward Silver	133 0 0

HAPUR MARKET QUOTATIONS

HAPUR, Dec. 27.

Wheat 10/4 Peas ready 9/8 Old Khatti 7 New 8 Arhar 7/8 Old Khatti 7 New 8 Stock Wheat 150 Peas 32 Arhar 54 Khatties Maize 7/2 Bajra 8 Urd 12/12 Moong 10 Gur 9/6 Arrivals 2800 Mds. Jaggery Powder 11 Gurdar Ready 8/8 Maha 7/10/7.1/2 Batasha 7/6/9 Bardana Chet 52/10 Silver 133/ 10 Gold 81/8. Futures remained depressed with slightly bearish tone.

CALICUT MARKET QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, Dec. 21.

Cocoanuts Raw 130 Dry 125 Cocoanut Oil 510 Copra Office 330 Dilpasand 350 Madrasnottam 350 Goodgoods 345 Pepper Wynaad 405 Country 355 Dry-ginger Chernad 345 Ernad 335 Coffee Robusta 90.

BOMBAY PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.

The local produce market was very steady with improved buying in groundnuts and Linseed while Castorseeds were dull with little business. Groundnuts Nizam State Khandesh quality Bombay ready Rs. 19/5 and Bold were done at Rs 18/12. Madras Goa November/January business was done at Rs. 19/6 and December/February stood at Rs. 19/3. Castorseeds Bombay Rs. 17/2 Navlakhi Rs. 17/6 and Goa delivery were quoted at Rs. 17/8, Linseed ready Brown Bold was done at Rs. 21/4. Bombay February/March was quoted at Rs. 21/7 and March/May business was done at Rs. 21/5, Navlakhi quotation was Rs. 21/11, Vizagapatam Rs. 19/8 and Satna Rs. 21/2. Tone was very steady.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.

LONDON: Banks Buying 90 Days/at 1/6 5/32 1 to 4 Months.

Banks buying 90 days/at 1/6 3/16 5 and 6 Months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/6 31/32

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 1/16

LONDON/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs. 328-1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 299 D D Rs. 297 1/2

Tone of Sterling Exchange: Steadier.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c Bank of England Rate 2 p c

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1-1/4 p c

Tone:—Easy.

INCREASE OF RS. 10 CRORES IN NOTES ISSUE

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended 21st December shows an increase of Rs. 10 crores in the total notes issued. Notes in circulation show an increase of Rs. 5 crores and notes held in the Banking Department are up by Rs. 4 crores. Details are as under:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES: Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 11,98,37,000; Notes in circulation Rs. 1202,33,57,000; Total Notes issued Rs. 1214,31,94,000. Total Liabilities Rs. 1214,31,94,000.

ASSETS: A. Gold Coin and Bullion: (a) held in India Rs. 44,41,45,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 1097,32,89,000; Total of A. Rs. 1141,74,34,000; B. Rupee Coin Rs. 14,73,45,000; Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 57,84,15,000. Total Assets Rs. 1214,31,94,000.

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 94.025 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES: Capital paid up Rs. 5,00,00,000; Reserve Fund Rs. 5,00,00,000; Deposits:— (a) Government (1) Central Government of India Rs. 476,49,99,000; (2) Government of Burma Rs. 2,20,49,000, (3) Other Government Accounts Rs. 20,07,11,000; (b) Banks Rs. 67,56,11,000; (c) Others Rs. 14,31,49,000; Bills Payable Rs. 2,74,88,000; Other Liabilities Rs. 12,75,50,000. Total Rs. 606,15,57,000;

ASSETS: Notes Rs. 11,98,37,000; Rupii Coin Rs. 40,27,000; Subsidiary Coin Rs. 1,97,000; Bills Purchased and Discounted:—(c) Government Treasury Bills Rs. 40,72,000; Balances held abroad* Rs. 561,69,80,000; Loans and Advances to Government Rs. 45,00,000; Other Loans and Advances Rs. 30,00,000; Investments Rs. 22,55,53,000; Other Assets Rs. 8,33,91,000. Total Rs. 606,15,57,000.

*Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Thursday the 27th December. Total amount offered was Rs. 1,33,00,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-14-3 were accepted in full. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,33,00,000 the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0.7.0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received at all centres on Wednesday, the 2nd January up to 11 a.m. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 4th January, 1946. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 21st December, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 7,23,25,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

BANKERS' CLEARING.

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 21_12_1945 were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 165,350.

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 60,36,30,898_13_4.

Nawabzada Glorifies League Success

No Other Democratic Party In History Of World Achieved So Much, He Says

NEW DELHI Dec. 26. (A.P.I.) "No other democratic party in the history of the world had achieved such a success as the League has achieved in the recent elections" said Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, General Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, speaking at a function arranged by the Anglo-Arabic school to congratulate him on his return to the Central Assembly.

The Nawabzada said that the elections were only the first round of the Muslim struggle for the establishment of a free Pakistan, and the time might come when they would be called upon to launch a struggle for securing their objective. "A Muslim is a born fighter. He may hesitate to cast a vote for Pakistan but he will not hesitate to shed his blood for it."

Continuing the Nawabzada said: "If Pandit Nehru thinks that he can free India by the slogn 'Delhi Chalo' then he is sadly mistaken India can only attain freedom through Pakistan. You cannot get freedom by dubbing League leaders as toadies It is ignoring the verdict of the Muslim masses who are with the League today.

These Muslims by their patriotism and sacrifices during the Khilafat Movement, transformed the Congress of armchair politicians into a militant organisation. The same Muslim people are today the backbone of the League. Pandit Nehru should realise that the Congress dream of Hindu domination cannot be realised so long as a single Muslim is alive."

Lahore Women Celebrate Jinnah's Birthday

LAHORE Dec 26. (A.P.I.) "Muslim women are fully alive to their responsibilities today and are more impatient for Pakistan than men," observed Begum Shah Nawaz inaugurating the "Women's Fair" in the Goal Bagh which was organised under the auspices of the Lahore Muslim League Women's Committee to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

The whole show was managed entirely by women and the various stalls were run by women volunteers of the Muslim League.

Pandemonium In Patna Students' Conference

Rajen-Babu's Message Restores Order

PATNA, Dec. 26 (API): Disorderly scenes were witnessed at the second day's sitting of the Bihar Provincial Students' Conference yesterday when a dispute arose between two groups of students over the election of a President in the absence of Dr. Rajendra Prasad who could not preside on the occasion for reasons of health.

The trouble started when the Congress Socialist group of students opposed the name of Mr. Ansar Harwani for the presidentship, proposed by the 'Forward Bloc' group of students. The Congress Socialist group wanted Mr. R.S. Shukla, President of the Students' Conference, to preside over the function.

Mr. Aurobindo Bose, newphew of Subhas Chandra Bose and others attempted to pacify the opposing groups but their voices were drowned in the noise that was created.

Quiet was restored, however, when Dr. Rajendra Prasad sent a message nominating Babu Jagat Narayan Lal to preside in his place

Dr. Rajendra Prasad also announced in his message that he had agreed to appoint an agent in each district to conduct the election of delegates and to have the election of office bearers and the executive committee held under his personal supervision or of a person nominated by him. This he hoped would satisfy all parties.

U. S.-BUILT WAR PLANT IN BOMBAY

Indian Mint Assayer's Plea For Preservation

LAS VEGAS, (Nevada), Dec. 27, (A.P.A.): Mr. G. C. Mitter Chief Assayer of the Bombay Mint, who is studying United States industry and its monetary system, said in an interview yesterday he had heard the American-built small arms plant in Bombay might be dismantled.

The plant, he said, was capable of supplying copper-based consumer goods for all India. "There seems to be some reluctance to dispose of that plant either to the Government or to private capital," he added.

Mr. Mitter said negotiations for the plant, which cost 4,000,000 pounds, were being conducted with the American Government through London.

"We like to do business your way, but England wants to sell us her obsolete equipment while she makes replacements with new goods from the United States," Mr. Mitter said.

As representative of the Board of Scientific and Industrial research, Mr. Mitter is inspecting basic chemical and non-ferrous metal industries.

While here, he visited the Boulder Dam and the huge basic magnesium war plant.

BRETTON WOODS LOAN

France Will Have To Conclude Another New Deal With U. S.

PARIS, Dec. 26 (Reuter): France would have to conclude a new loan arrangement with the United States—owing to lack of gold and currency reserves to meet her imports programme—quite apart from Bretton Woods, said former French Minister of Food M. Christian Pineau, when the debate on the Bretton Woods Monetary Agreement opened here today in the National Constituent Assembly.

"France will not be able to keep going long at the present rate of imports" M. Pineau declared, reporting from the Assembly's Finance Commission which last Sunday approved ratification of Bretton Woods Agreement.

Before the assembly debate the Foreign Affairs Commission had earlier voted in favour of ratifying the agreement, but expressed the desire that France should have a greater share in the international stabilisation fund.

I. N. A. HAS SET EXAMPLE OF UNITY

Tandon Says It Was Organised To Win India's Freedom

AMRITSAR, Dec. 26 (A.P.I.): "The Jallianwala Bagh tragedy pales into insignificance before the repression and atrocities of 1942," said Babu Purshottam Das Tandon, former Speaker of the U. P. Legislative Assembly, addressing a public meeting in the Jallianwalla Bagh last evening.

He referred to the "Quit India" resolution of the Congress and said that it was not a mere slogan. The country was now fully awake and could not be suppressed.

The Indian National Army, he said, was organised to win freedom for India. The deeds of this Army had created a deep impression on the minds of Indians and the efforts of the Government to create public opinion against it had proved unsuccessful. He described the I.N.A. as a fine specimen of communal harmony.

Referring to the policy of the Labour Government, Babu Purshottamdas Tandon felt that it could not give India what she wanted however good its intentions might be. He realised the helplessness of several Members of Parliament who were favourably inclined towards India. He still thought that Indians would have to fight even the Labour Government.

He stressed the need of unity and appealed to the people to strengthen the Congress.

QUARREL OVER MONEY LEADS TO MURDER

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A gruesome murder over a paltry sum of annas eleven was stated to have been perpetrated in the broad daylight on Monday, at Kandewadi by one Mahomad Shaffi (Dyes dealer).

It was stated before the coroner that Nandu Kishore Parusuram Thakur (30) a merchant, had a quarrel with his customer Mahomad Shaffi over the amount of eleven annas due to the former.

In the scuffle that followed Mahomad Shaffi was said to have whipped out a knife and stabbed Purusuram. He was immediately removed to the J. J. Hospital where he died in the evening.

At the operation theatre the dying declaration was stated to have been recorded by Inspector Clay of the Maharbouri section. Inspector Clay put the suspect under arrest.

Mr. K. S. Parelkar, advocate appeared for the accused, and Mr. Vadirshah P. Vakil was watching on behalf of the deceased.

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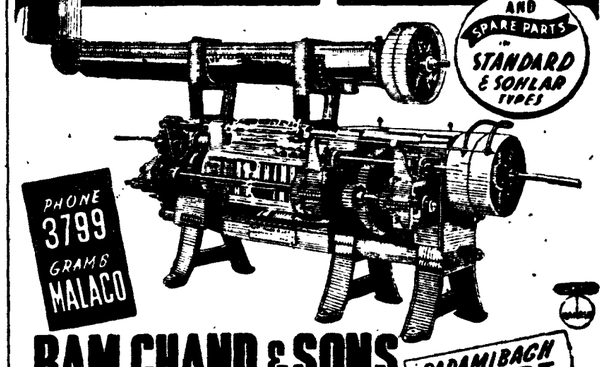

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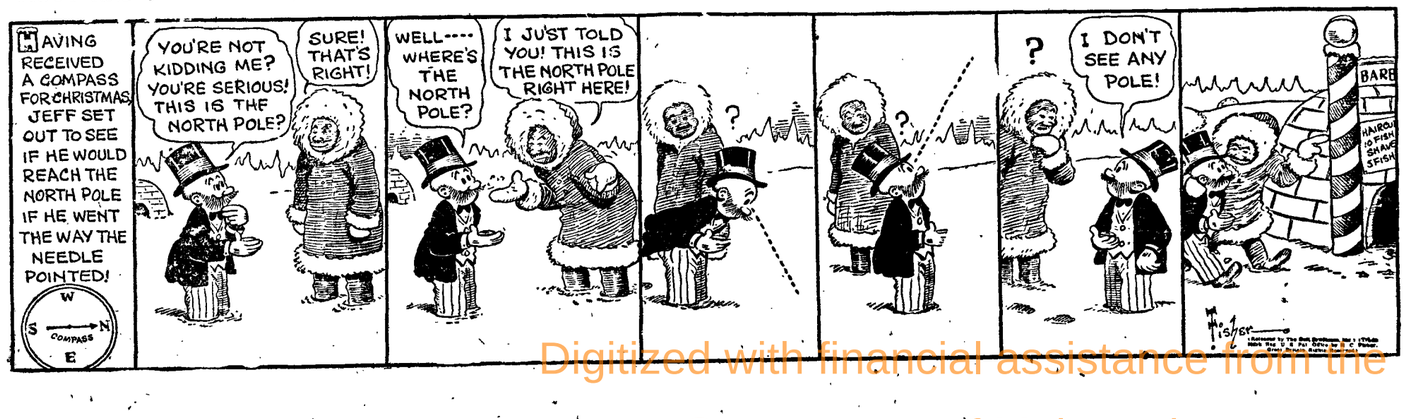
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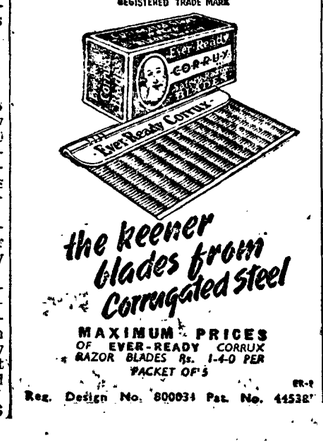

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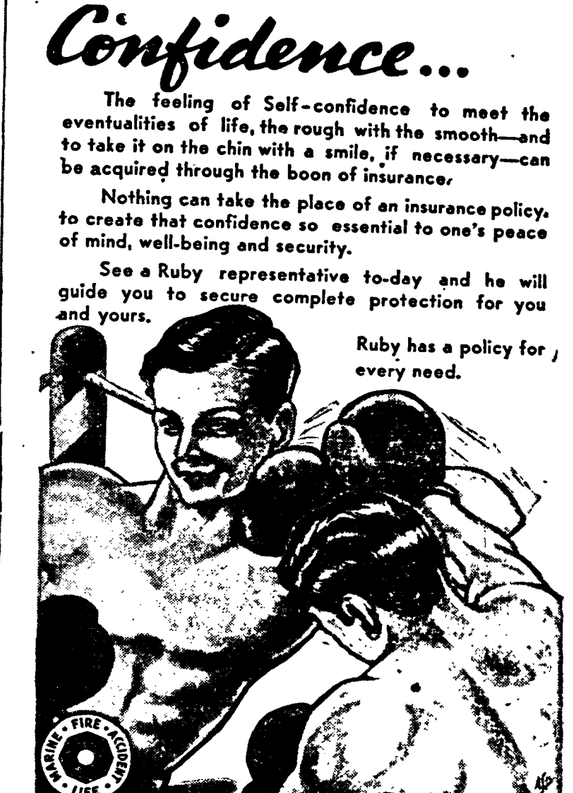
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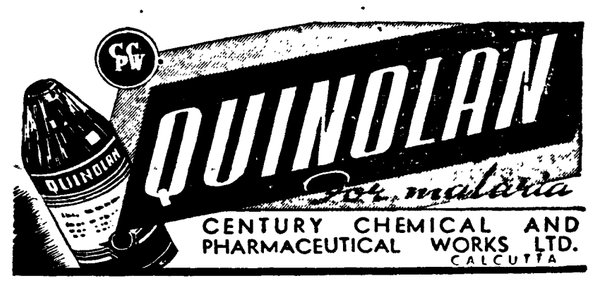

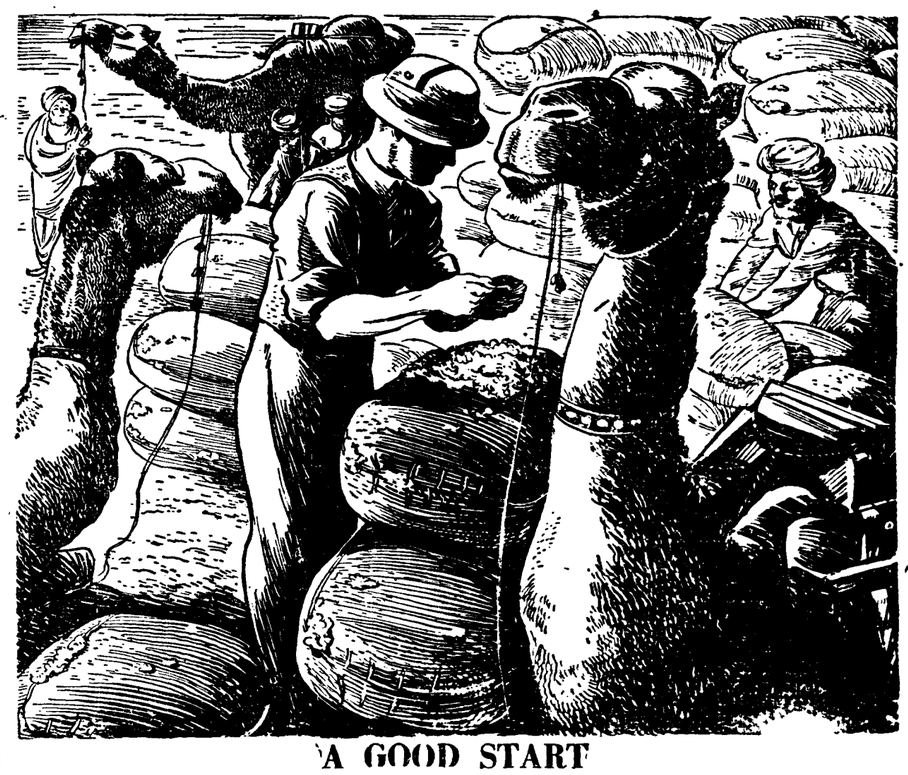

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